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COURT BATTLE | President's lawyers ask for case to be dropped but prosecutor wants Kenya ordered to release more info



Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces Uhuru Kenyatta in Samburu yesterday where he met Kenyan peace troops. This was the first time he wore military uniform in public. **STORY, MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 3**

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Man behind Westgate attack killed

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The man who ordered the attack on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi was felled by US airstrikes in Somalia.

The US Department of Defence (Pentagon) confirmed last evening that Al-Shabaab leader Ahmed Abdi Godane (right) was among 11 militants killed in targeted strikes on Monday.

“Today, the Department of Defence confirmed that Ahmed Godane (right), the leader of Al-Shabaab, is dead as a result of a US military airstrike in Somalia undertaken over the weekend,” the White House said in a statement.

“Godane's removal is a major symbolic and operational loss to the largest Al-Qaeda affiliate in Africa and reflects years of painstaking work by our intel-

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POLITICS | Cord is pushing for a referendum on the new Constitution, something the President opposes

Uhuru, Raila eye western Kenya support

President Kenyatta will be in Migori to launch an anti-malaria campaign as Cord leader tours Busia County

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The fierce political rivalry between Cord leader Raila Odinga and President Kenyatta is set to play out this weekend when the two leaders visit western Kenya on different missions.

Mr Odinga will lead the Cord brigade on a tour of Busia County today to launch the signature collection drive in Budalang'i Constituency. He will then proceed to Matayos Constituency to attend the homecoming party of MP Godfrey Odanga.

Mr Kenyatta, on the other hand, is expected to tour Migori County on Monday to launch an anti-malaria drive.

But the President's tour has since taken a political dimension after he met several leaders from the county who are perceived to be opposed to Mr Odinga. The meeting was held at State House, Nairobi on Thursday.

Distribution of nets

"The President met a group of leaders from Migori to discuss Monday's tour. He will launch the distribution of nets as part of an anti-malaria campaign since the county is one of the most affected," State House spokesman Manoah Esipisu said.

The State House meeting, co-ordinated by Migori Governor Okoth Obado and Rongo MP Dalmas Otieno, is said to have discussed the finer details of Mr



From left, Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya, Meru's Peter Munya and Isaac Ruto of Bomet address residents of Muthara in Tigania East Sub County, Meru County yesterday. They called on the residents to support the call for referendum dubbed "Pesa Mashinani".

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Kenyatta's tour.

Mr Otieno has publicly denounced his membership of ODM and declared he would soon unveil a new political party to "liberate" the Luo community from Mr Odinga's grip. Mr Obado is also perceived to be at loggerheads with Mr Odinga.

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They did not inform me about it probably because of my political position”

Suna East MP Junet Mohammed

They were accompanied by Senator Wilfred Machage and MPs Omondi Anyanga (Nyatike), John Kobado (Uriiri), Robi Mathias (Kuria West) and Shadrack Manga (Kuria East).

But it is the absence of Suna East MP Junet Mohammed at the meeting that gave it a political spin.

Mr Mohammed, one of Mr Odinga's closest allies, was not invited to the State House meeting.

"They did not inform me about it probably because of my political position. But even if they did, I would have done a lot of soul-searching on whether to attend or not," he later said.

A statement from the ODM

Secretariat stated that Mr Odinga would be hosted in Budalang'i by area MP Ababu Namwamba in the first leg of the tour. Several leaders allied to the coalition, who are expected to attend, include Cord co-principals Kalonzo Musyoka and Moses Wetang'ula.

Choice of Budalang'i as Mr Odinga's first stop is significant given the uneasy relationship between his close allies and area MP Ababu Namwamba.

Besides popularising the referendum campaign, Mr Odinga's tour will give him a chance to mend fences with Mr Namwamba and consolidate his support in a county that has consistently backed him.

Leaked pay rise report disowned



Prof Kithure Kindiki

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

Senate Majority Leader Kithure Kindiki yesterday termed the leaked document seeking to increase senators' pay by over Sh1.6 billion as propaganda.

Prof Kindiki distanced himself from the proposals noting he is happy with his current pay.

"I was not a member of the committee that is said to have drafted the proposals and I would not be party to them," Prof Kindiki said at Parliament buildings.

The plan came to the fore on Wednesday. MPs, civil society groups and trade unions have condemned the proposals.

The Majority Leader said it was unfortunate that the House was being discredited to make it lose focus.

Majority Whip Beatrice Elachi said the proposals were mooted last year and had been rejected by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

In document, the senators pushed for Sh780,000 "personnel emoluments" while any member whose area covers over four constituencies was to earn 10 per cent more for each. They also wanted Sh2.4 million for office tables and chairs, among other benefits.

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Trouble with politicians' demands for billions

Despite the government's message of austerity, including grappling with a bloated public wage bill, senators and Members of the County Assemblies seem intent on raiding the public purse as they seek more perks and higher trappings. But is Kenya ready to pay for the enhanced luxuries these leaders are seeking? We reveal why the politicians feel emboldened to go against public opinion, implications of their demands and fresh frantic efforts to tame the greed.



Why giants are fighting over coal powered plant

The announcement by the government of the award of a lucrative tender to build a coal fired power plant, which would significantly increase the country's electricity capacity, has generated intense heat. Read the behind-the-scenes details of what has produced an ugly public battle between competing interests for what is one of Kenya's largest direct private investment in the public sector.

Scandal in hallowed corridors of justice: Insider's candid view

Having spent 38 years of his life in the Judiciary where he handled sensitive cases such as Goldenberg, the Robert Ouko and Julie Ward murders, retired Court of Appeal judge Daniel Aganyanya has experienced the intrigues that colour administration of justice in Kenya. In his new book, *The Judicial Purge 2003 That Never Was*, the 78-year-old paints a picture of a sick institution in which litigants write judgments, judges are routinely bribed with money, sex, and land. He also pours scorn on the 2003 radical surgery and speaks of betrayal.

We don't intend to retrench, PS assures

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

The government has given assurances that the ongoing assessment of staffing levels in public service would not pave way for retrenchment.

Principal Secretary for the State Department of Coordination Ms Josephtha Mukobe said yesterday that the exercise had a noble and positive objective.

"There is a general misconception that the main purpose of the exercise is to retrench public servants. As your Principal Secretary, I want to assure that is not and has never been the intention," she said.

The exercise would bring about savings through payroll cleansing, deployment and redeployment of public servants, especially excess staff.

"This will also improve the working conditions of the public servants," she added.

The PS was speaking during the official opening of a work-

shop for probation directors and program officers' workshop in Nakuru.

The PS noted that tremendous improvements have been realised in the Probation Department which is under the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

These include successful execution of cases after warrants of arrest were applied for by probation officers.

Many challenges

Ms Mukobe further said the ministry had pushed for amendments to the rules on execution of the warrants, an area that has posed many challenges to probation officers.

"This has helped send strong signals to the offenders that they will be arrested if they don't comply with court orders," she said.

She urged the probation officers to put the knowledge and skills they acquired in the training to good use.

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MILITARY MATTERS | Top soldiers host their boss

Uhuru, the C-in-C, steps out in full gear

Kenyatta dons full military attire for the first time in public at a colourful ceremony for regional peace troops

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President Kenyatta yesterday attended a function in full military uniform for the first time, catching many by surprise.

A military chopper carrying the Head of State touched down at Larisoro grounds in Samburu County shortly after noon and he disembarked in a Kenya Army uniform.

The President's cap had a five-star decoration and was inscribed C in C (Commander in Chief). He also had an epaulette and his shirt had his name.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) wore desert boots.

The President was in Samburu to evaluate KDF's preparedness to join the envisaged Eastern African Standby Force (EASF) that is meant to help quell violence in the region.

He was received by Chief of General Staff Julius Karangi, Defence Cabinet Secretary Raychelle Omamo, Interior Cabinet Secretary Joseph Ole Lenku and Defence PS Mutea Iringo.

Security threats

Mr Kenyatta exchanged pleasantries with top KDF officials before visiting various demonstration stands.

He said he was happy that 1,299 personnel qualified to join the regional force. Kenya became the first country to have its soldiers ready to join EASF. Eleven countries have pledged to deploy their forces.

The Head of State said the regional force would be in place by the end of the year.

It was the first time for President Kenyatta to be seen in public wearing full military uniform.

Regionally, President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Rwanda's



Paul Kagame often appear in military attire.

Kenya is expected to provide Mechanised Infantry Battalion, Signal Squadron unit and a level II hospital for the force.

EASF is part of an African Union initiative to respond to security threats that might arise.

Brigadier Francis Ogolla oversaw the training.

Director Issimail Chanfi said he was upbeat that the EASF would be formed by the December deadline.

"What we are witnessing today (evaluation of KDF) is quite important. It is historic for EASF. It should be written in the golden letters of the history of EASF.

"Our dream of having our own soldiers trained and equipped to ensure a secure region is a dream come true. Today, Kenya has made EASF a reality by getting the force ready," Mr Chanfi said.

The director said that the 11 countries in the region had pledged to deploy more than 5,000 personnel to the force.

"Kenya's quick move is crucial for peace, stability and democracy in the region," Mr Chanfi said.



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President Kenyatta and Chief of General Staff Julius Karangi being shown the military's readiness to combat the Ebola disease in Samburu yesterday. Below, a soldier demonstrates how to give first aid and rescue victims during disasters.



JENNIFER MUIRURI | NATION

President Kenyatta being received by Chief of General Staff Julius Karangi in Samburu County yesterday. Right, Gen Karangi, President Kenyatta, Interior Cabinet Secretary Joseph Ole Lenku and Defence minister Raychelle Omamo being shown around Eastern Standby Force training camp in Samburu.

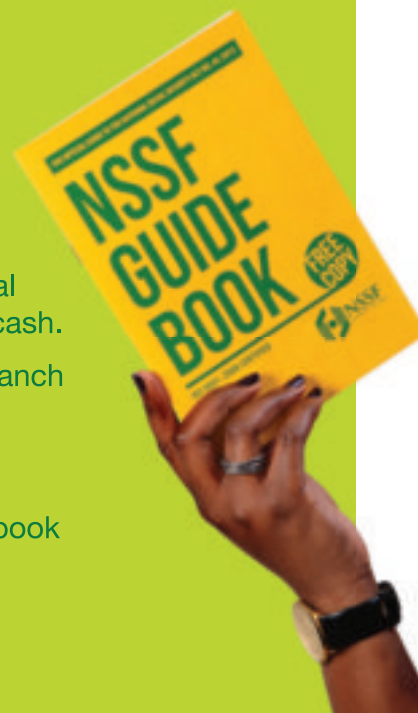
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COMPLIANCE | The government has submitted 73 documents to the international court on various details about the President

I do not have enough evidence to prosecute Uhuru, says Bensouda

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International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda yesterday admitted she lacks evidence to prosecute President Uhuru Kenyatta over the 2007/2008 post-election violence.

She once again accused the Kenya government of stalling the case by refusing to provide records of what the President owns, details of his bank accounts and financial transactions around the period the violence occurred.

Ms Bensouda said the 73 documents submitted to the ICC by the government were insufficient and did not meet the criteria for full cooperation with the court.

She asked the court for another adjournment, the fourth in the case. President Kenyatta's lawyers have until Wednesday to respond to Ms Bensouda's submissions.

The case against Mr Kenyatta was to begin on October 7. In the notice filed yesterday, Ms Bensouda sought to have the start of the trial postponed until such a time the government fully complies with the request for his financial and property records.

In the four-page notice, Ms Bensouda asked the Trial Chamber to ensure the requested items are obtained from the

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Withdrawing the charges would undermine the purpose of the Chamber's March 31 decision — to ensure that the Kenya government fulfils its cooperation obligations to the court”

ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda

Kenya government.

“Pursuant to the Chamber's August 28 order, the prosecution hereby provides notice that as matters currently stand, it will not be in a position to proceed with the trial on October 7,” Ms Bensouda said.

From an evidentiary standpoint, she said, the situation is the same as when the prosecution sought an adjournment of the trial date on December 19, last year.

“The available evidence is insufficient to prove Mr Uhuru Kenyatta's alleged criminal responsibility beyond reasonable doubt,” Ms Bensouda said, but noted that it would be inappropriate for the Prosecution to withdraw the charges against Mr Kenyatta before the Government of Kenya (GoK) complies with the revised request.

“First, doing so (withdrawing the charges) would undermine the purpose of the Chamber's March 31 decision — to ensure that the GoK fulfils its cooperation obligations to the court,” she said.

Failure to comply

It would also be inappropriate to drop the charges when the failure to comply with the request for the records was Mr Kenyatta's responsibility as the Head of State.

“In these circumstances, the Prosecution respectfully submits that the appropriate course of action is to further adjourn the case until such time as the GoK executes the Revised Request in full as required by the Chamber and in accordance with the Rome Statute.”

The ICC prosecutor had, in April, requested the Kenya government's cooperation in obtaining the records of bank accounts held by Mr Kenyatta and his associates, foreign exchange transaction records, telephone records and M-Pesa details between June 1, 2007 and December 15, 2010.

She also requested security and intelligence information records from the National Intelligence Service relating to Mr Kenyatta's activities around this time.

With the documents, she had hoped to flesh out evidence to enable her proceed



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Mr Uhuru Kenyatta before he became President, at the International Criminal Court in The Hague on September 21, 2011.

with the trial of Mr Kenyatta.

Five months later, she stated, the government has produced a total of 73 documents, some of which are not what the prosecution requested.

To date, the government has only submitted President Kenyatta's motor vehicle records during the period in question, his telephone numbers and bank records. But Ms Bensouda argued that the records were just a fraction of what she had requested.

“In the circumstances, the Prosecution respectfully submits that the trial should be adjourned until the GoK executes the Prosecution's Revised Request for records in full,” she added.

President Kenyatta and the Legal Representative of Victims are to file their responses, if any, by September 10.

CHRONOLOGY

How the President's case has fared so far

January 2011: Uhuru Kenyatta's case confirmed by ICC Trial Chamber II.

July 2013: Two witnesses due to testify in the President's case withdrawn over security concerns.

January 2014: Trial Chamber V vacates the beginning of trial set for February 5 to give prosecution more time to collect evidence.

April 2014: ICC sets October 7 as the new date for trial.

September 5: Prosecution asks for indefinite adjournment of the case.

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ICC CASE | Man says he was pushed into incriminating Deputy President by activists who promised him goodies

Ruto: Judges reject 'hostile witness' plea

Prosecution lawyers wanted court to allow them to cross-examine him on allegations he made after recanting his earlier testimony

BY JEREMIAH KIPLANG'AT
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ICC judges yesterday allowed a prosecution witness to continue testifying in a case against Deputy President William Ruto (right), after rejecting an appeal to declare him hostile.

The judges unanimously ruled that Witness 604 should continue giving his evidence despite recanting his earlier testimony.

Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji said the witness should be allowed to tell the court his side of the story and give any other information without being declared hostile, just because he had disagreed with the prosecution.

On Thursday and yesterday, the witness told the court he had been asked to give false testimony against Mr Ruto and radio journalist Joshua Sang in exchange for a good life abroad.

The prosecution had asked the judges to declare the witness hostile, citing various sections of the Rome Statute.

Lawyer Anton Stynberg asked

the judges to declare him a hostile witness and allow the prosecution to cross-examine him on the allegations he had made in court.

The witness, who said he lived in Turbo, claimed that he was asked by activists to link Mr Ruto and Mr Sang to the post-election violence even though he did not know if the two masterminded the violence or not.

2007

Year violence broke out in Kenya after the disputed presidential election

"There are various extraneous issues which the prosecution would like to confront the witness with. We would like to be given that opportunity to do so," Mr Stynberg said.

The lawyer said it would be right to allow the prosecutor to cross-examine witnesses once they recanted part or their full evidence.

"Once it has become clear that the witness has recanted the material evidence, it is more efficient to declare the witness hostile and allow the issues raised to be dealt with expeditiously," Mr Stynberg



PHOTO | DPPS

Deputy President William Ruto (centre) and radio journalist Joshua arap Sang (third left) with well-wishers, among them Kericho Senator Charles Keter (second from left), at the ICC in The Hague yesterday.

argued.

But Mr Ruto's lawyer, Mr Karim Khan, opposed Mr Stynberg's submission, saying the prosecution could "refresh the memory of the witness" if they felt that he was not providing the right information.

Unanimous decision

"One of the key objectives is to arrive at the truth and the witness should be allowed the opportunity to say the truth," Mr Khan said.

"Why is the prosecution reluctant to refresh the memory of the witness like it has done before."

"If the witness says he can't remember, it is upon the prosecution to refresh their memory like before," he added.

The judges took an hour's break before returning to give a unanimous decision that allowed the witness to continue with his testimony.

The witness then told the court he had been asked by an activist

from the Party of National Unity to lie that Mr Ruto organised the 2007 post-election clashes.

He also said that he had been pushed to testify that Mr Sang used coded language to ask Kalenjins to attack Kikuyus in the Rift Valley.

On Thursday, the witness said he had in his testimony given false information against Mr Ruto because he hated him. The witness will continue with his testimony next week.

Clash victims need aid, says Red Cross

BY NATION
CORRESPONDENT

The situation in Mandera North where thousands of families have been displaced following fighting between two rival Somali clans is worsening due to ravaging drought.

Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) on their website says that at least 18,000 households now living in seven displacement sites in Rhamu are relying on relief food supplies.

So far, 77 people have died from the fighting between the Degodia and Garre clans, according to KRCS with another 95 injured during the skirmishes that started on August 23.

Tension has persisted in the sub-county forcing Mandera Governor Ali Roba to start developing a peace programme to try and bring together the rival clans.

However, Mr Roba yesterday appealed to the national government to intervene noting county government's budget is over-stretched as they have to provide relief food and drill bore-holes for the displaced families. The Degodias and the Garres have for years been fighting for political control of the county.

Man stuns mourners as he 'weds' dead wife

BY NATION
CORRESPONDENT

A middle-aged man yesterday shocked family and friends in Kilifi County when he decided to fulfil a wedding promise to his late wife.

Kiti Mwangudza Chilango stunned mourners when he turned at the burial of his wife dressed up in a flashy suit and stood next to the deceased's casket with his "bridal party" that had the best couple, maids, page boys and flower girls, the same way it happens in a real wedding.

He went ahead to cut a wedding cake which he shared amongst the family members and other mourners before the body was taken to the grave yard.

It is a promise Chilango made to his wife five years ago when the got married. "My late wife's wish was for me to give her the honour of a wedding.

Made promise

I made a promise to my late wife and I am fulfilling it now," Chilango told mourners in Kadzinuni village, Kikambala division.

Mbeyu Mbura, a close friend to the deceased, said the couple had traditional wedding but the wife had always been pressing for a church wedding.

Mbeyu said the deceased who had been ailing had made her husband swear to honour her with a wedding whether she's dead or alive.

"That is why the husband had no option but to do this here today, Mbura said.

"We feared something bad could happen to the husband or the family if the deceased's wish is not fulfilled. We feared the husband could even die," Mbeyu added.

A shocked village elder, Kai Mwandeje, said he had never witnessed such a thing in that village before.

"This could bring complications later if the husband wishes to remarry because this act means his spirit has already joined the deceased's," Mr Mwandeje said. (KNA)

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Kiti Mwangudza
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CRIME | The vehicle was stolen last week in Utawala when armed men ambushed Chief Inspector Machui

How Uhuru's car crossed into Uganda

Four men to be charged in court on Monday over theft of escort vehicle as police probe a car theft syndicate operating in five countries

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President Uhuru Kenyatta's escort car stolen last week was brought back to Nairobi yesterday as it emerged a complex cross-border criminal syndicate was behind the theft.

Four men who snatched the car at gunpoint on Wednesday have been arrested and are helping the police unravel the syndicate with operatives in Kenya, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Uganda.

The syndicate consists of armed gangsters, corrupt customs officials, car dealers and mechanics, police said.

The BMW 735 was stolen in Utawala, Nairobi and recovered in Kampala six days later.

Head of Flying Squad Munga Nyale said police were looking for more suspects.

"The Kenyans (who stole the car) delivered it to their Ugandan counterparts. We later realised it was a cross-border syndicate when we caught up with them. Ugandan detectives were of great help to our officers who were tracking the vehicle," he said.

"Together with our counterparts in Uganda, we now know all the suspects involved. Four will be charged in court on Monday and we are pursuing others."

The vehicle will be handed over to the Presidential Escort Unit Commandant.

Chief Inspector of Police David Machui, who was driving the vehicle before gangsters car-jacked him, is expected to pick out his attackers at an identification parade before they are taken to court.

The car arrived at the Flying Squad yard at the Nairobi police headquarters around 10 am after a journey of about 10 hours.

It arrived in a convoy of five



President Kenyatta's escort car after its arrival at Nairobi Police Headquarters yesterday from Uganda where it was recovered. The car was stolen in Utawala, Nairobi last week.

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cars that carried a battery of undercover detectives who had been tracking it for a week.

Though its registration number plate - KAW 479Y - had been plucked, a close observation showed it had been given a new identity, ready for sale. The right side mirror is also missing.

CHRONOLOGY

From Kenya into Uganda and back

August 27: Car snatched from Chief Inspector Machui in Utawala, Nairobi.

September 2: The BMW recovered in Uganda after combined efforts between local and Kenyan detectives.

September 5: The car is brought back to Nairobi and parked at the Flying Squad yard ready for hand over.

September 8: When four suspects will be charged in court over the theft

As is common with government vehicles, its alternative registration is GK A374E.

An insurance sticker showed it was registered in Uganda as UAA 492X and owned by City Autor Care. The insurance was supposedly covered by NIC Insurance Limited and valid for a year from August 29, just two days after it was reported stolen.

The State yesterday dropped charges against Mr Aggrey Ochieng, a Nakuru mechanic initially taken to court over the theft. Mr Nyale said the mechanic was found with a Toyota Avensis taken to his garage earlier by the gangsters arrested over the BMW theft.

The theft exposed serious security breaches in the way police officers across the country collaborate to track criminals. But Mr Nyale was defensive in explaining why the vehicle crossed several police divisions, across the country without being intercepted even after the robbery report was circulated.

"It was circulated almost immediately and we do not know

when the registration plate was changed. It takes a minute to do so but they moved all the way just by sheer luck," he said.

Mr Nyale said he was not mandated to say if action would be taken against the officer who was driving the vehicle.

However, Inspector General of Police David Kimaiyo on Thursday told the *Nation* if investigations found any officers erred, "administrative" action would be taken against them.

"There are many areas we are investigating. It doesn't end just like that. We have to deal with the criminal and whoever was in charge of the vehicle, administratively," Kimaiyo said.

Sources investigating the theft questioned how Inspector Machui was allowed to drive a government vehicle home when procedures dictate that government vehicles be parked at the nearest police station or DC's, DO's or Chief's office.

In this case, Presidential Escort vehicles are regularly parked at State House or at the unit's quarters in Highridge.

Restriction on miraa use suspended



Justice George Odunga

BY NATION REPORTER

The High Court has temporarily stopped a drugs control agency from imposing an order limiting the consumption of miraa to five hours a day.

Justice George Odunga also restrained the National Agency for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (Nacada) from printing publications or holding anti-miraa seminars.

The judge also stopped the agency from spearheading or sponsoring negative campaigns against the stimulant pending the determination of the suit by the Kenya Miraa Farmers and Traders Association.

Without proper legal basis

"Temporary conservatory orders are hereby issued preventing the respondents from restricting consumption of miraa from 5pm to 10pm without proper legal basis pending the determination of the petition," the judge ruled.

Miraa farmers and traders are up in arms against the proposed law by Nacada, arguing that the rules were irregularly issued without consultation with stakeholders.

Through lawyer Henry Kurauka, the dealers argued that Nacada has no legal mandate to restrict time for consumption since any regulations to control substance use can only be done through a law.

He said miraa farmers depend on the crop for their livelihood.

Justice Odunga directed that all the respondents be served with the application and the orders before inter-parties hearing on September 16.

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PERKS | Rival organisation and TSC proceed with meeting

Teachers’ unions differ on team to discuss pay

Knut leadership walks out of talks to protest the committee’s composition

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Two lobby groups representing teachers’ interests have differed at a forum called by the employer to address the welfare of their members.

The Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) and the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) yesterday failed to agree on the make-up of a consultative committee on teachers’ terms of service.

The Knut leadership walked out of the talks as a result.

Kuppet leaders stayed behind and held talks with the committee, which includes TSC Secretary Gabriel Lengoboni. They resolved to start negotiations next Friday.

KEY ISSUES

Lobbies push for more cash

Knut wants its members to be paid a special allowance — 30 per cent of their basic salaries for those working in Nairobi, and 20 per cent for those in Mombasa and Kisumu.

Kuppet wants the responsibility allowance for principals, their deputies and heads of departments to be pegged at 50 per cent of their basic salaries.

The bone of contention was the presence of three members from Kuppet in the committee instead of one, as had been demanded by Knut.

Knut Chairman Mudzo Nzili said the union was opposed to the inclusion of more members from their rival Kuppet.

He said the committee was not well-constituted to allow the deliberation to take place. They would only resume talks

once the committee was legally constituted, he said.

Mr Nzili said Kuppet was supposed to have one member in the committee and Knut four.

“When we arrived for the meeting, we discovered that Kuppet had been allocated three slots and Knut four. We don’t agree with this. The meeting should resume after we agree on the membership,” the Knut chairman said.

Deserves more

He said the TSC Act provides for five slots for trade unions. Since Knut has more members, it deserves more slots, he added.

Kuppet Secretary-General Akelo Misoro said the committee would proceed to discuss issues affecting teachers and would not be swayed by sideshows.

“We have agreed to meet on Friday so that we can start our discussions on the responsibility allowance and pay increase, among other issues,” he said.

TALENT | Emily’s day at State House



ANTHONY OMUYA | NATION

President Uhuru Kenyatta’s Private Secretary Jomo Gecaga with young Emily Wanjiru and Mary Muthoni Jason, the Managing Director of St Petroc Premier School in Embu, at State House, Nairobi, yesterday. Emily is the talented girl from a poor family, who was a pupil at Gachororo Primary School in Kiambu County and wowed President Uhuru Kenyatta in April with her poem *Mvua Hii*. She has since joined St Petroc school.

Uhuru set for Waiguru fete in Kirinyaga

BY NATION
CORRESPONDENT

President Uhuru Kenyatta is today expected to visit Kirinyaga County and attend Devolution and Planning Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru’s homecoming ceremony.

The function will take place at Kiamugumo Secondary School in Gichugu constituency.

According to organisers of the event, the President will arrive at 11.30am and be welcomed by Governor Joseph Ndathi.

The Head of State will be the chief guest.

Ms Waiguru will arrive at 8.30am and pay a courtesy call on the governor at his office in Kutus.

While accompanied by the governor, the minister will proceed to the venue and wait for the Head of State to arrive.

The function had been scheduled to take place a fortnight ago but was postponed after the President said he had other commitments.

Other leaders from the area — including Senator Daniel Karaba, MP Njogu Barua and Woman Representative Winnie Njuguna — will also attend the function.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE PRESIDENCY MINISTRY OF DEVOLUTION AND PLANNING

PRESS STATEMENT ON BIOMETRIC REGISTRATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS

Our attention has been drawn to reports in sections of the media regarding the ongoing registration of civil servants.

We wish to clarify that the biometric registration exercise is part of the broader Capacity Assessment and Rationalization Program (CARPS) in the Public Service that is intended to align government structures, processes and programs to the mandates and functions of national and county governments in order to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in Public Service delivery. This is in line with the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Kenya’s Vision 2030.

The Joint Summit of the National and the County Governments represented by the Council of Governors made a decision to implement Capacity Assessment and Rationalization Programme for the Public Service. To implement this decision, Terms of Reference and the Implementation Institutional Framework was jointly developed and approved.

Therefore, contrary to reports in some section of the media that County Governments are not part of the ongoing process, the Council of Governors (CoG) is **fully** involved in the process and is represented in all the three levels of the Implementation Institutional Framework: the Inter-Governmental Steering Committee (IGSC), The Inter-agency Technical Committee and the Inter-Agency Secretariat. CoGs will also oversee the establishment of the County Rationalisation Steering Committee chaired by the respective Governor in the 47 Counties.

The IGSC is co-chaired by the Cabinet Secretary of Devolution and Planning and The Chairperson of the Council of Governors. Other members of the Committee are Chairperson, Public Service Commission (PSC), Chairperson, Salaries & Remunerations Commission (SRC), Chairperson of the Commission on the Implementation of the

Constitution (CIC), Chair, Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) and the Attorney General.

The biometric registration exercise launched by H. E. President Uhuru Kenyatta is one of the components of the CARPS programme and will involve the biometric registration of all civil servants deployed at the national and County government levels. Whereas the national exercise will run from 1st September to 13th September, 2014, the County registration exercise will run from 14th September to 11th October 2014. To prepare for the County exercise, County sensitization forums are underway. A briefing session to the Council of Governors is also planned to precede the County launches.

Regarding the procurement and subsequent cost of consultancy for CARPS, we wish to strongly condemn the false report that COGs has raised queries over the procurement process of the program. This report contains factual inconsistencies aimed at diverting attention from an important task. The consulting agency **Ernst and Young**, contracted to undertake the exercise was part of a competitive process and won the tender at a contract sum of **Ksh.130,095,828** and not Ksh.500 million as reported. Further, it is important to note that this contract covers **not only** the biometric exercise but the entire CARPS programme including **facilitation of training and sensitization, functional and institutional reviews, and work load analysis** across the National Government and all the 47 County Governments.

Eng. Peter Mangiti
Principal Secretary/Planning

Air crash victims flown in

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

The bodies of three Kenyans, who died in a plane crash in Serengeti Park, Tanzania, were yesterday ferried to Nairobi for identification.

The bodies of Captains Geofrey Mungai Kigera and Julius Sanga Kai and flight engineers Kevin Wanjiru, 25, arrived at the Wilson Airport at 4pm.

Mr Kigera previously worked for Kenya Airways and Fly540 before he joined the Safari Air Express. He is a father of three and the father-in-law to Jessy Jasper, the TV comedian known as MC Jessy.

His co-pilot was a brother to Mr Edison Nyale of the Office of the President and an uncle to the Flying Squad boss Munga Nyale. The bodies were taken to the Lee Funeral home to await post-mortem.

ACCIDENT | Student seriously injured in matatu mishap



GEORGE KIKAMI | NATION

One student from the Majaoni secondary School in Kilifi was seriously injured while other passengers escaped with minor injuries when this Nissan matatu was involved in an accident after the vehicle developed a mechanical problem and landed into this sewerage trench at Kobil Kilifi town.

TERRORISM | His killing follows a similar death met by his predecessor Aden Hashi Ayro in 2008

Westgate Mall attack architect killed

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ligence, military and law enforcement professionals.”

It took five days for the confirmation of the death of Godane. Initially, Pentagon said it ‘believed’ he was dead, but needed “verification on the ground, which is not simple”.

The attack was by US special operations forces using manned and unmanned aircraft and targeted Al-Shabaab camps some 130 kilometres south of Mogadishu.

His killing follows a similar death met by his predecessor Aden Hashi Ayro, who was felled in 2008. It comes at a time when the US and Amisom forces have relaunched an offensive aimed at annihilating Al-Shabaab’s remaining strongholds in Southern and central parts of Somali.

Godane, 37, who was also known as Abu Zubayr, is said to have given his personal backing for the attack on September 21, last year, on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi in which at least 67 people were killed.

He followed that massacre with a statement in which he warned

Kenyans to brace for further attacks unless the country withdraws its forces from Somalia.

“The attack at #WestgateMall is just a very tiny fraction of what Muslims in Somalia experience at the hands of Kenyan invaders,” he cheered on Al-Shabaab’s Twitter account then.

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Today, the Department of Defence confirmed that Ahmed Godane is dead as a result of a US military airstrike in Somalia”

White House



“For long we have waged war against the Kenyans in our land, now it’s time to shift the battleground and take the war to their land #Westgate.”

Their Twitter handles were later suspended only to re-emerge under different identities.

Godane was one of the terrorist fugitives the State Department identified, and a reward of \$7-million (Sh600 million) had been announced for information on him.

Under his leadership, al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the July 2010 bombings in Kampala, Uganda, that killed 74 people watching a World Cup football final match.

Al-Shabaab also acknowledged a suicide bombing in Djibouti that killed a Turkish national and wounded several Western soldiers.

BRIEFLY

NYERI

County to upgrade 3,000km road network

Nyeri County government will upgrade 3,000km of road network in the next three years, Governor Nderitu Gachagua has said. Mr Gachagua said that his government had already upgraded 400km of rural access roads as a way of easing transport and accessibility to markets by farmers. Speaking yesterday in Nyeri town when he flagged off new road construction equipment, Mr Gachagua urged the youth and women in the county to form groups and apply for road construction tenders set aside for them.

TAITA TAVETA

KWS gears up for Sh200m game census

The Kenya Wildlife Service will carry out a national census on wildlife to enable it monitor their numbers and manage them better. Speaking at the KWS Law Enforcement Academy in Manyani yesterday, Environment Cabinet Secretary Judi Wakhungu said the counting will be done before December and may cost up to Sh200 million. Environment Principal Secretary Richard Lesi-yampe said the census targets some 108 of Kenya’s endangered species.

UASIN GISHU

Knut resists plans for mentoring students

Kenya National Union of Teachers officials in Rift Valley yesterday opposed plans to introduce leadership and mentorship programmes in public schools. The officials said they would not allow strangers into schools to mentor children in different professions. “Under the law, teaching is a profession and its members are the only ones mandated to teach. Let those volunteer graduates go and deliver services in their respective professions,” Mr Raphael Langat, Rift Valley Knut chairman said in Eldoret.

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DILEMMA | Crushed dreams of a tidy income litter the affected fields in parts of the Rift Valley

Farmers harvest losses as disease bites

Maize growers face an uncertain future as an outbreak of the Lethal Necrosis disease ravages thousands hectares of the crop worth billions of shillings

BY BARNABAS BII
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Maize farming has been the main source of income for William Koech, but this is no longer the case following the outbreak of a viral disease that has almost wiped out his entire crop.

The farmer from Chepkumia in Nandi County is contemplating switching to alternative means of earning his daily bread.

He is considering venturing into farming short-term crops after incurring losses for two years running following an attack by Maize Lethal Necrosis (MLN) disease.

This happened even after Mr Koech, like the rest of the farmers, practised crop rotation as advised by agricultural extension officers as a measure of containing the spread of the disease that damaged over 260,000 hectares of maize valued at Sh2 billion in Rift Valley last season.

Maize production in the region dropped from 21 million bags to 16 million last year due to the outbreak of MLN disease and erratic climatic conditions.

Heavy losses

"The officers from the ministry of Agriculture told us that if we plant maize on a new field, it would not be affected by the disease. I planted maize on virgin land, but the crop was still attacked," Mr Koech said.

The MLN disease is caused by a combination of sugarcane mosaic virus and maize chlorotic mottle virus which dries up crops.

Just like Mr Koech, Mr Michael Bartonjo, a farmer at Perkerra Scheme in Baringo County, is among grain growers in the North Rift region who are living in fear of incurring heavy losses.

"Last year I lost an entire 10 acres of maize. I am contemplating uprooting the current crop since it has been attacked by the



Agriculture officer Ezekiel Chepkwony inspects crops damaged by Maize Lethal Necrosis disease at Perkerra Scheme. Right: Michael Bartonjo, a farmer at the scheme, lost 10 acres of maize to the disease.

JARED NYATAYA | NATION

disease. I may plant vegetables or Irish potatoes," he said.

Mr Bartonjo blames agricultural researchers for taking too long to come to their rescue, despite numerous promises that a new, resistant maize variety had been discovered.

A team of agricultural experts who took samples of maize plants in May had dispelled fears of an

outbreak of MLN disease in parts of the North Rift.

The ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with a public university are working to avert an impending food crisis.

The National Council for Science and Technology, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (Kari) and Egerton University are training farmers on cassava production as an alternative source of food and income.

Cassava variety

The farmers are trained on cassava variety, field establishment, value addition and marketing strategies.

The project, according to annual agricultural report released in May, encourages participating teams to seek support from other agricultural institutions to enhance sustainability of cassava production to grow their incomes.

"Bulking plots for cassava has been established by each of



the participating groups which has been trained on production and use of the crop for food, a source of income and fuel," the report said.

Farmers' groups involved in the project being implemented by Kari in Njoro and Egerton University Department of Applied Community Development Studies include those from Subukia, Ogilgei, Kiamunyi, Kilimo Hifadhi, Menengai and Ngecha.

Cry for help as lethal virus ravages maize

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of the devastating Maize Lethal Necrosis disease in Kerio Valley, Elgeyo Marakwet, farmers say they have not received any meaningful help from the government.

Mr Johana Kibor, who owns seven acres of land in Aror, is among scores of farmers who were advised by authorities to uproot their crops, burn or bury them to contain the spread of the disease.

The farmer recounted how the disease spread from a 1,500-acre maize irrigation scheme — initiated by African Development Bank — to individual farms.

Public baraza

"We reported the matter to the government and officers were sent to assess the situation. They returned later and convened a public baraza to discuss the disease," he said.

He said the agricultural experts, led by county executive in charge of the docket, Dr Stella Rono, said the disease has no remedy apart from destruction of the affected crop to avoid spreading.

Mr Kibor said they were advised to skip planting maize during the next season because the pathogens transmitting the virus would still be intact in the soil.

The virus dries up a crop's leaves, which turn yellowish before drying up.

Other symptoms include stunting, cobs shrinking and failing to develop grain and the stem turning brown.

The farmers said a month after the disease struck, authorities are still talking about containing the spread or coming up with a management plan to mitigate looming hunger in the region.

"We have not seen any major sensitisation and neither have there been concrete steps to fight the disease. Food insecurity will affect all of us because maize is a staple food," another farmer, Ms Juliana Kirop said.

DPP undecided on Timamy fate

BY NATION
CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution is yet to make a decision on whether Lamu Governor Issa Timamy (right) will be charged in relation to Mpeketoni attacks.

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Alexander Muteti yesterday sought more time from the court, saying the State has not completed investigations.

"The prosecutorial decision is yet to be made; investigations by their nature are very involving," Mr Muteti told Justice Martin Muya.

Mr Muteti said if the prosecution was to proceed and charge the governor out of pressure, it will be a gross vio-



lation of the Constitution.

He added they will prefer charges only when they are sure Mr Timamy and the victims of the attacks will get justice. Mr Muteti told the court that 141 witness statements have been recorded.

He added the exercise involves a large number of

people, many who were displaced from areas where the Lamu attacks took place.

This has, therefore, made it difficult for investigators to reach most of them since some had relocated.

He observed that Mr Timamy is out on bond and would continue to discharge his duties. Lawyer Ahmednasir Abdullahi representing Mr Timamy described the case as a circus.

"Let the State not use the court and Judiciary as a tool of oppression," said Mr Abdullahi.

Mr Timamy is being investigated for murder, forcible eviction of people and terrorism. The court will rule on the matter on September 10.

Three suspects in Sh1.3 billion heroin case released on bond

BY NATION
CORRESPONDENT

Two businessmen and a politician, who are among 12 people charged with trafficking Sh1.3 billion heroin were released on Sh5 million bond yesterday.

Mombasa Chief Magistrate Maxwell Gicheru released the accused saying there were no compelling reasons to deny them bond.

Khalid Agil Mohamed and Mohamed Osman Ahmed, who are businessmen, had earlier been denied bond after the court noted they did not prove they are Kenyan citizens

since copies of their passports' annexes were incomplete.

They would also have to deposit a surety equal to the bond. Their co-accused is politician Maur Bwanamaka. Mr Gicheru noted although there are doubts on the nationality of Ahmed, the issue could be solved by imposing strict bond terms.

"The prime consideration in

granting bail is whether the accused will attend court," said Mr Gicheru.

Senior Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Mutuku, who opposed the bail, said they would move to the High Court to challenge the decision.

The three have been charged alongside nine foreigners who were the crew members of the ship that was destroyed last week.

The court declined to release the foreigners on bond. Mr Gicheru said chances are minimal that the foreigners would attend court if released on bond.

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The bond in shillings on which the suspects were freed yesterday.

JUSTICE | Government sought to buy 5,000 acres for construction of the Konza Techno City

Muthama and Ndemo charged over Malili land

Machakos Senator and former PS among those taken to court after loss of Sh179 million

BY RICHARD MUNGUTI
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Former Permanent Secretary Bitange Ndemo and Machakos Senator Johnson Muthama are among six people, who were charged in court yesterday over the Malili land scandal.

The others were former Commissioner of Lands Zablon Agwata Mabea, two directors of Malili Julius Kilonzo Maweu and Julius Mbau Nzyuko and a member of the National Police Service Commission, Mr Ronald Leposo Musengi.

Denied stealing

The indictment came as investigations into the acquisition of the 5,000 acres of land by the government from the Malili Ranch Limited for the construction of the Konza Techno City in Makueni County intensified.

All the six denied six abuse of office, theft and fraud charges before the anti-cor-

ruption court chief magistrate Mrs Doreen Mulekyo.

They denied stealing over Sh179 million from the shareholders of the Malili Ranch, being proceeds of the sale of the land for building the Konza Techno City.

Three other directors of Malili, who had been summoned to appear before Mrs Mulekyo, did not turn up since the High Court had issued orders blocking their prosecution.

“Mr James Kituku Munguti, Mr Leonard Kyania Katua and Mr David Ndolo Ngilai are not before court today as directed. They obtained orders from the High Court blocking their plea taking

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I urge this court to consider releasing the suspects on their personal bond or a reasonable cash bail since they have exhibited honesty and obedience to court’s directive”

Lawyer James Orengo



Former Commissioner of Lands Zablon Mabea (left), Machakos Senator Johnson Muthama (centre) and Ronald Musengi in a Nairobi court yesterday where they were charged with theft of Sh179 million in the Malili Ranch Limited land scandal.

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today (yesterday),” the private prosecutor lawyer Paul Muite told Mrs Mulekyo.

A defence team comprising 15 lawyers led by Dr John Khaminwa, Mr James Orengo, Ms Kethi Kilonzo, Mr Charles Koech and Mr Haroun Ndubi applied to have the suspects freed on bond, but Mr Muite opposed the request.

“The suspects showed up in court at 8am as per the court summons directions,” Mr Orengo told the court.

“I therefore urge this court to consider releasing them on their personal bond or a reasonable cash bail since they have exhibited honesty and obedience to court’s directive that they appear on September 5, 2014,” he said.

Mr Muite, assisted by a state prosecutor Duncan Ondimu, opposed the request saying, “the charges against them are very serious.”

In her brief ruling, Mrs Mulekyo said: “Everybody is equal in the face of the law and courts must strike a balance between the prosecution and the suspects.”

Personal bonds

“Time is yet to come when suspects will be admitted to personal bonds then required to turn up in court at will.”

She directed each of the suspects to deposit Sh1.5 million bail until September 19 when Mr Kilonzo will present a request that he be excluded from the trial since he had

been acquitted on similar charges. He was acquitted by former Chief Magistrate Gilbert Mutembei alongside another director of Malili Peter Mutua Kanyi for lack of evidence.

The two had been accused of stealing over Sh100 million from the private land buying company.

Lawyer Michael Muchemi for Mr Kilonzo said he will move to court to expunge his name from the case.

Dr Ndemo was separately charged with three counts of abuse of office and wilful failure to comply with the procurement laws in acquisition of the land.

The case will be mentioned on September 19.

BRIEFLY

MURANG'A

County enforces ban on smoking in public

A crackdown on smoking in public has been launched in Mathioya sub-county to curb tobacco-related deaths. The Murang'a county government is implementing the Tobacco Control Act to ensure the public is protected from second-hand smoke. Mathioya public health officer Boniface Macharia said that the smoke was harmful to health and a nuisance to non-smokers.

MT ELGON

Police recover five guns from militia members

Police in Mt Elgon have recovered five guns and several rounds of ammunition from members of Sabaot Land Defence Force (SLDF), who have been regrouping. Bungoma County Commissioner Mohamed Maalim yesterday said the recovery of the arms aid efforts to boost security. “Any person who has a gun has a month to surrender it or face the law,” said Maalim during a meeting in Banantega location.

TURKANA

75 to screen visitors for Ebola at border post

The Turkana county government has sent 75 health workers to the Nadapal entry point on the border with South Sudan to screen visitors for Ebola. Health Executive Jane Ajele said the staff underwent training on how to conduct the screening and were issued with protective clothing. Refugees are also being trained on measures to take to avoid contracting the deadly disease.

KISUMU

Fashion designers to showcase outfits

Kisumu Fashion Week will be concluded today, with a gala night scheduled at the Aga Khan Hall. Several fashion designers from Nairobi, Kisumu and Eldoret will showcase their latest outfits at the gala that is expected to host 700 people and is partly sponsored by the county government. According to the event’s communication manager Boaz Ongonche, local musicians will be performing in between the display of various outfits.

NYERI

Man jailed two years for robbery attempt

A Nyeri court yesterday sentenced a man to two-and-a-half years in prison for robbery attempt. James Muriithi was charged with attempting to break into Micah Gachiri’s house on July 4 at Kiawaitanjanje village, Nyeri. The accused told the court he had nothing to say in mitigation. Principal Magistrate Susan Ngungi said evidence showed Muriithi committed the offence.

We shall repossess all grabbed public land, agency vows

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

The National Land Commission is asking those with title deeds of grabbed land to surrender them.

“Those clinging on the documents are wasting time because the titles will be revoked anyway after the ongoing review,” commission Vice chair Mrs Abigail Mbakaya-Mukolwe said yesterday.

“Some of the land in question is public property that is not available for allocation,” she said.

“Chapter 5 of the Constitution defines public land and it is shocking that private individuals are currently holding onto such land,” said Mrs Mukolwe.

She said the commission would carry out further investigations after reports that a part of the land belonging to the Kakamega State Lodge had been grabbed.

Initial investigations

“Initial investigations indicated that the land had only been occupied by tenants and not grabbed, she said.

The Kakamega County executive for Lands, Housing, Urban Areas and Physical Planning, Major (Rtd) Suleiman Sumba, said the County Government will spend Sh70 million on profiling and mapping of all public land. The exercise which will take one year is expected to improve collection of land rates from Sh10 million to Sh750 million annually.

Low funding will affect standards in universities, House team says



BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

A House committee yesterday vowed to seek more funding for public universities.

The committee on Education, Research and Technology said if the discrepancies in the funding of institutions of higher learning are not addressed the quality of education will be compromised.

Chairman Wilbur Otichilo (above) said accommodation shortage, poor sewerage systems and lack of libraries are major challenges for universities.

He spoke when the committee toured Maseno University on Thursday. The team also visited Kisii and Egerton universities.

Dr Otichilo said the problems facing uni-

versities are as a result of negligence of public institutions by the government.

The Emuhaya MP criticised favouritism in the funding of institutions of higher learning.

“Maseno University was only given Sh41 million this year which is a drop in the ocean compared to other universities that got more than Sh500 million,” he said.

Dr Otichilo said inadequate funding is the reason for the dilapidated state of lecture halls, low tutor population and poor accommodation.

“A university with more than 12,000 students cannot provide quality education with old-fashioned libraries and low lecturer-student ratio. This negligence must stop,” Dr Otichilo told the Press.

The committee, he said, will push for equitable allocation of funds to give universities in western Kenya a facelift.

“Our priority for Maseno, for instance, will be completion of a stalled library that requires Sh175 million; a female student’s hostel and improvement of dilapidated lecture halls,” he said.

Siaya Woman Rep Christine Ombaka asked the vice-chancellors of the affected institutions to explore Private Public Partnerships to seal the funding gaps.

Maseno University Vice-Chancellor Dominic Makawiti said the institution needs Sh1 billion for effective administration.

SATURDAY NATION

Execute plan to keep needy pupils in school

One of the biggest challenges for secondary headteachers is to ensure that all the students pay their fees in time and in full. This is not always possible, and it explains why schools are owed huge amounts of money in unpaid fees. Of course, the easiest way is to send the defaulting students home until they clear their fees. But it is not as easy as it sounds.

While it is true that some parents are never enthusiastic about paying fees, although they would want to see their children learning, a good number simply cannot afford it. Therefore, the crux of the matter is poverty, which raises the moral question of whether some young people should be discriminated against simply because their parents cannot afford to pay fees.

For the headteachers, especially when dealing with the class preparing for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination, it is about deciding purely on the basis of the ability to pay, who should sit and who should not. And yet there may be bright children in the final class, whose parents would never be able to pay even if given all the time in the world to raise the fees.

It is certainly this challenge that prompted the appointment of the Task Force of Secondary School Fees. And the team headed by former Education Assistant Minister Kilemi Mwiria has not disappointed by getting down to work and coming up with useful recommendations. The task force wants needy students granted full bursaries for the entire four-year learning period.

This proposal is spot on. There have been cases of children from poor families being given part sponsorships or abandoned midway by a benefactor. An assurance that the fees for the entire school period will be paid makes a lot of sense. The task force has also recommended that unofficial levies be prohibited.

There is also a need to streamline the bursary schemes, including contributions from the CDF. These are good ideas that we hope will be implemented as soon as possible to ensure that students' learning is not disrupted over fee arrears and that the very poor are not shut out and permanently consigned to a life of squalor.

Counties must style up

Some tangible progress has been made in the transition to the devolved system despite challenges and seemingly endless rows between the national and county governments over revenue sharing. It is evident that over a year later, the shape of the new governance revolving around counties is taking shape. And yesterday, President Kenyatta assented to the County Revenue Allocation Bill 2014, paving the way for the release of funds to the counties.

Of course, this will not end the row over just how much revenue the counties are entitled to, and which is the subject of a referendum call by some governors. In a democratic system, initiatives that follow the spirit and letter of the law must not be stymied. There is an argument that the counties are being short-changed. The allocation of Sh227 billion in the 2014-15 financial year is, indeed, based on 40 per cent of the last audited government financial records of 2011.

But the counties need the money for their operations and Sh28 billion is now available with more to come later. They must prudently use this as they demand more. The leadership must demonstrate accountability and commitment to creating more wealth. And, hopefully, they will avoid the wasteful spending already witnessed.

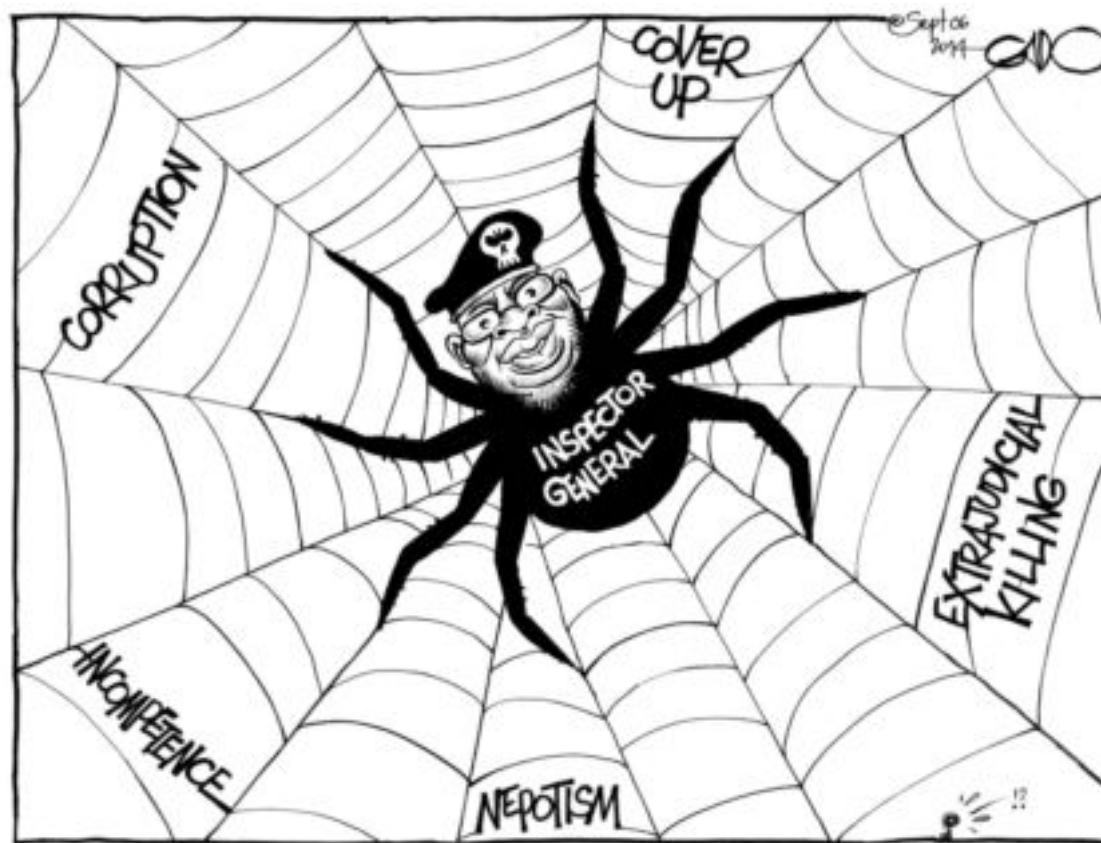
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TAINTED LEGACY | Dan Branch

There was nothing professorial but brute force in Moi's wield of power



Moi will die a rich and free man. Far too many Kenyans that lived under him were denied such dignities at the end of their lives

In *Every Day is for the Thief*, Teju Cole's brilliant account of his return to Lagos after a long exile in Europe and the United States, there is a memorable account of the author's visit to the National Museum of Nigeria.

Cole writes of the great anticipation he had before visiting, which was based on a distant memory of the place during school trips. He was, however, dismayed by what he found on his return as an adult.

The poverty of the collections revealed to Cole the true extent of the plunder by British colonialists in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was dismayed to find only passing references to slavery. But he was just as angered by the displays dedicated to Nigeria's post-colonial political history, which were 'sycophantic, inaccurate, uncritical, and desperately outdated, as if each dictator was sent a form to fill in with his "achievements" and it was left at that.'

I have been much reminded of Cole's words on several occasions over the past week when reading and watching coverage of Daniel arap Moi's 90th birthday.

To show respect and deference to one's elders is

commendable, but the tone of much of the coverage of Moi's birthday has been galling. Writing in *The Standard*, Kipyego Cheluget celebrated the former president's generosity and called on his readers to "celebrate Mzee's birthday and good deeds he did."

Kinuthia Mbugua, governor of Nakuru County, went further. He told *The Standard* that Moi, a leader whose most trivial words and actions led the evening news every night for decades, showed him that "you need to be humble." Mbugua continued to recall that "He used to preach on the dangers of tribalism and on the need for peace."

Perhaps Mbugua should speak to some of the residents of Nakuru County that lived through the 1990s to find out about their experiences of Moi's attitude towards tribalism and peace.

Mbugua parroted Moi's mantra of peace, love and unity. Much of the rest of the coverage of the former President's birthday has been marked by a similar uncritical repetition of familiar tropes. The commitment to regional peace is widely recalled and various populist, but short-lived policies, are fondly remembered. Most articles

have reminded readers of Moi's nickname: The Professor of Politics.

Of all the mischaracterisations of Moi, this is perhaps the most startling for its longevity. It was an appropriate nickname at first. He made good use of the support by British settlers for Kadu and later the British High Commission of the moderates in Kanu. One by one, he outsmarted his rivals in the struggle to succeed Jomo Kenyatta. And then he turned on his allies in that struggle, dismantling their local support bases as he did so. But having won the presidency, there was nothing subtle, sophisticated or intelligent about the way Moi kept hold of power.

He took a sledgehammer to the Constitution, wrecked the economy and set Kenyan against Kenyan as he attempted to cling on to power by whatever means he had at his disposal.

This is hardly undocumented. As I write this column, I can see on my bookshelves the Ndungu report, the inquiries in the ethnic violence of the 1990s, a book of testimonies of survivors of Nyayo House, the memoirs of other political prisoners, and studies of the Ouko murder. Each reminds us of the true nature of Moi's rule.

While the exact extent of his legal responsibility for the crimes committed during his presidency is unproven, Moi's political responsibility as head of state during these turbulent times is unquestionable.

The argument that Kenyans should be grateful for his retirement in 2002 and his decision not to disobey the Constitution is absurd. Only Moi need feel grateful. He has escaped investigation into the corruption and violence that so marked his final decade in office.

Moi will eventually die a rich and free man. Far too many Kenyans that lived under him were denied such dignities at the end of their lives. What would Robert Ouko, for instance, have done with his life had he, too, lived to enjoy his retirement?

Towards the end of his account of his trip to the museum, Cole writes of his concern for "a country that has no use for history". I was left wondering much the same when reading through the sycophantic accounts of Moi's birthday celebrations.

Kenya has no need for the sort of museum exhibit that Cole hoped to find in Lagos. Moi's vanity and the brutality of his regime left perfect, permanent artefacts in the form of Nyayo House and the Nyayo Monument. Together with the neighbouring old District Commissioner's office and Kipande House, these buildings remind us of the terrible consequences of colonial and post-colonial rulers, who relied on fear and autocracy to remain in power.

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THINK AGAIN | Maina Kiai

Who will stop this naked quest for power and money by politicians?



Despite earning obscene salaries, elected leaders are demanding more and now want to take over control of devolved funds

The Kenyan politician in public office is a strange species. Focused almost exclusively on their own interests, they exhibit selfishness, greed, arrogance, and a disregard for others to a degree that no other category of people in Kenya, or the world, has ever seen!

They should be studied by anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists and psychiatrists to determine what gets into them after being “elected.” Heck, perhaps even archeologists should study them, too, to see what point in human evolution they best represent!

For how else to explain the outburst on TV by Senate Deputy Speaker Kembi Gitura that senators will get emolument packages of Sh2.4 million whether Kenyans like it or not?

There are 67 senators in total so this works out to an outlay of Sh160,800,000 a month! Or, enough to pay 402 of the forgotten IDPs the Sh400,000 that their favoured and remembered colleagues were paid, in one month! And we could pay 4,824 of them in a year and 24,120 of them in five years.

Sadly this open greed is not just with senators. The first order of business for MPs last year was to intimidate the Salaries and Remuneration Commission to get ridiculously high salaries and allowances. And now MCAs are getting into the act, demanding incredible amounts of largesse in exchange of support or opposition to Okoa Kenya’s referendum proposition.

And it is not just about money here. Our politicians are overly concerned with status, power and hierarchy. So much so that they



The Senate in session.

even passed a law that makes it mandatory — with criminal penalties — for us ordinary mortals to always refer to them as Honourable! Have they not read *Animal Farm*?

They should know that it is impossible to legislate for respect: Respect is earned. Not even in the most repressive societies can respect be forced.

And following on this is Adan Keynan’s proposed law to stifle criticism of legislators! What planet is he on? Has he not read the Constitution and, especially, the Bill of Rights?

This greed for power and status is also illustrated by the new law — now at the Supreme Court for an advisory opinion — that makes senators the chairmen of County Development Boards. They argue this is part of their monitoring role

of county governments. Hogwash!

It is just a way to make them relevant and to aid their supremacy battles with governors. It is no secret that senators, and MPs are furiously jealous of governors for the fact that governors are executives and control resources. And many of these senators, especially, see themselves as the more “senior” politicians.

So why did they not run for the governor positions in the first place if they wanted to control resources? How can they monitor county expenditures when they become involved in the allocation and spending of resources in the first place?

And as this is going on, some of these senators are at the forefront on the need to enhance devolution and proper implementation of the Constitution in the Okoa Kenya movement; even as they undermine the same constitutional principles they say they want to strengthen. They are running with the hare and hunting with the hounds, something that “elected” Kenyan politicians are masters of.

It is simple: If Moses Wetang’ula, Anyang Nyong’o, James Orenge, Johnson Muthama, Hassan Omar, Boniy Khalwale, George Khaniri, and the rest of them in Okoa Kenya are to be taken seriously on this referendum issue, then they should be the first to denounce not just the proposals to rip off taxpayers in massive undeserved emoluments, but they should reject the strange idea to have them chair County Development Boards.

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POLITICALLY CORRECT |

Kwamchetsi Makokha’s sideways look at road safety

Road accidents are just disguised suicide attempts



Jaywalkers and speeding drivers have been giving Kenya such a bad name that world health statistics now rank the country fortieth globally with a death rate of 28.2 per 100,000 from road traffic accidents.

On the African continent, Kenya is position 25 in the road traffic accident rankings. These numbers do, however, disguise a terrible truth that has been sup-

pressed for a long time. Kenyans are a suicidal lot. Ranking the country in position 65 worldwide for its 10.1 per 100,000 suicide rate, and 17th in Africa, neglects to take note of the numerous unpatriotic people out to frustrate the functioning of the government and the achievement of Vision 2030.

Pedestrians, who are frustrated with life and want the easy way out of the 16 per cent value added tax, comprise 42 per cent of all road accident victims. Here are people who do not want to take care of the families in the hope and expectation that their offspring can receive cash handouts from the government in the event of death; or that they can muscle their way it the disability fund.

Kenyans have been taking their lives by crossing roads under footbridges, driving drunk, exceeding speed limits and refusing to wear helmets when they ride with a clear intent to die. Insurance companies are drowning in death benefit and injury claims, and the police are tired of taking the blame.

Where footbridges have been built so that people can be mugged in dignity and a modicum of privacy, pedestrians routinely choose to frustrate the legitimate economic activities of young unemployed people by avoiding them. The declaration by the police that they would arrest pedestrians who cross roads near fly-overs and charge them with suicide should put an end to this proclivity. These are the people who are trying to make the government look bad in the referendum on the Constitution by prematurely becoming dead voters.

Given that 60 per cent of all the reported road traffic accidents occur in rural areas, contributing 16 per cent to the case fatality rate, all the rustics rushing from the sticks to die publicly in the city must be stopped in their tracks. Since villagers copy many of their bad mannerisms from townsfolk, the arrest and prosecution of drivers speeding away from cars pursuing them beyond the 50 kilometres per hour speed limit will doubtless save a further 2,000 lives a year. It is people driving cars at 57 kilometres per hour who are responsible for pedestrian deaths, public service vehicles crashing and many passengers ending up in the spinal injury hospital.

Again, since 66 per cent of all accidents are known to occur in the day time, the balance 34 per cent happening at night, the nocturnal police roadblocks ensure that drivers are prevented from causing accidents before daybreak. Officers are often traumatised by the sight of mangled metal and broken bodies.

Police reports reveal that 85.5 per cent of road traffic crashes are caused by poor driver behaviour, of which driver error represents 44.4 per cent, pedestrians and passengers 33.9 per cent and pedal cyclists 7.2 per cent. That is why officers are paying keener attention to vehicles being in mint condition, and inspecting them for unsafe substances.

As one correspondent to this column observed, the police need to be commended for their new resolve to ensure the best for this country by ensuring that the pills and fire extinguishers in personal vehicles have not expired lest they inflict great bodily harm on themselves or their passengers. These are very serious issues and we have realised that by preventing this expiry we will become the safest driving nation in the world.

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DIFFERENT STROKES | Gabriel Dolan

Leaders have lost all their moral sense

Four years ago, we promulgated a Constitution that politicians hardly read and certainly did not like very much. We called it a people’s Constitution and spoke enthusiastically of creating a society based on social justice and the rule of law.

For the past 18 months, most counties may have been rolling out flagship development projects, but the real winners have not been the Kenyan public, but the political class that has discovered new ways of enriching itself at taxpayers’ expense.

The President recently promised MCAs car grants, offices and ward projects to the value of Sh12 billion — money that has not even been budgeted for — if they support his opposition to the proposed referendum.

Senators, too, are demanding up to Sh5 million per month to do their oversight business. With their ageing profile, they should be re-named Lords of Poverty. The

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Maybe the Japanese should create a new 4WD SUV for the Kenyan market and brand it Katiba”

plans by Cord and governors to amend the Constitution are all about themselves, and wananchi just provide the numbers needed to fill the forms.

The other big winner is, of course, Toyota, with Nissan fast catching up as the preferred vehicles of power. Maybe the Japanese should create a new 4WD SUV for the Kenyan market and brand it Katiba. This extravagant and ostentatious display of power and waste is disgusting.

Who is the conscience of the nation today? While the President courted MCAs with billions of shillings in Kwale,

the public hospitals in Mombasa County were locking out the poor and condemning them to an early grave. Senators made their billion-shilling demands on the day that public schools reopened while the country cannot afford to hire 90,000 teachers urgently needed to give poor children a chance to master the three Rs.

But is there a single senator with an offspring in public education — except maybe an illegitimate and disowned one — or a spouse among the 80 per cent who have no health insurance? There is absolutely no justification for the extravagance and perks that the ruling classes have granted themselves. They act and legislate as if Kenya belongs to them and the Constitution passed to ensure the poor are taxed to death to facilitate their trips to the trough and junkets abroad.

Yet, taxes alone cannot pay for the spiralling budget that has led to massive borrowing and increase of the National

Debt to \$21 billion or 50 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product. That is worrying because the next generation will be repaying that burden. Since Jubilee came to power, it has been a case of spend and borrow like there is no tomorrow.

What four years has taught is that the progressive Bill of Rights has been ignored by the Executive, largely misunderstood by the Judiciary and treated with contempt by a Legislature that produces Bills, whose aim is to claw back the gains of 2010. The latest such effort is Adan Kenyan’s Media Bill.

What is left of civil society is overwhelmed, choosing to be absorbed by the Cord Okoa Kenya Movement rather than take the risk of starting their own. They would do well to remember what NCEC and 4Cs achieved 20 years ago, starting from the ashes and the grass-roots.

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POINT BLANK | Godwin Murunga

No place for civic consciousness in checking greed of the elite in Kenya



The media went to bed with those in power while the civil society has been crippled

Last week, I commented on the gullibility of Kenyans in the face of manipulation by politicians. In making these claims, I did not know of the more recent research work by Prof Jacqueline Klopp, Associate Research Scholar at Columbia University. Klopp has spent a lifetime studying Kenya. Her work stands out in many ways because she seeks to be a part of the movement that makes change, however minimal, happen. Her commitment and willingness to work with locals for change distinguishes her. She does not come with a preachy and prescriptive demeanour.

I have known of Prof Klopp since the late 1980s when I was in high school. She had volunteered to teach and ended up in my village teaching Mathematics and Physics at Lubinu Secondary School in Kakamega County. She received her BA in physics from Harvard University but ended up studying, for her doctorate, political science at McGill University.

I vaguely recall seeing her walk every day in the morning from Shianda Market to Lubinu, a distance of roughly two kilometres. In our youth, we were of course fasci-

nated with this mzungu. I believe that interaction with a local community has shaped Prof Klopp's approach to studying Kenyan communities. In the old days, when anthropology as a discipline was in its element, it was a requirement that foreigners wishing to study local communities spend enough time within the communities to understand the many-sidedness of the everyday life experiences of people. Their work reflects a more intimate understanding than the current faddish and impressionistic ones.

On Monday, Klopp presented a staff seminar paper at the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Nairobi. Focusing on Thika Road, she framed the issue from an important comparative perspective. Two things were instructive. First, is the politics of our mega-infrastructure projects. Second is the deficiency effective community involvement and advocacy against excessive abuse of this infrastructure development projects.

A comparative reflection on Thika Road and Standard Gauge Railway project, for instance, reveals that the abuse that took place in the former could easily be repeated in the latter. An indica-



Thika Road in Nairobi

tor is the heavy financial investment required. Investment in these projects is/has been in excess of what we can afford. The possibility that a good chunk of it ends up oiling corruption cannot be ignored. Yet, there are more efficient and less expensive alternatives that our elite have ignored. When numerous instances of conflict of interest are pointed out, this criticism is deflected with irrelevant noises.

To avoid criticism, the initiators of the mega-projects prefer secrecy in decision-making and tendering rather than open and transparent processes. The decision-making process is kept secret partly to ensure benefits to an alliance of interests that have little to do with the infrastructure modernisation argument peddled around. When academics

and civil society raised some of these questions, a battalion of ethnically defined beneficiaries countered with gibberish.

But even more serious has been the deficiency in community-based advocacy against the corruption and debilitating costs of these projects. The assault on civil society has been total and debilitating. Are we not feeling how poor social impact assessment and bad road design is killing many on Thika road? The media is unfortunately struggling to find its feet after failing to fight the big fight to protect its right to speak during the last elections. The result has been one after the other draconian laws that seek to cripple our right to expose corruption.

Kenyans have outsourced the fight for their rights to an incapacitated civil society, a civil society they participated in crippling. The consequence is that dissenting voices are inaudible at best. Kenyans must know that we made our bed; we either shut up and compliantly sleep on it or send a clear 'stop it' message to our greedy elite.

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MARK MY WORD |

Philip Ochieng

Too much verbal extravagance in our newspapers



Hype is any expression which exaggerates the value of an item. This week's *Sunday Nation* carried a good example, a story about a battle over some property between Daniel arap Moi, Nicholas Biwott and Joshua Kulei.

Its news value lay in that the President of the Republic was the leading star; that his most

trusted aides were the chief supporting actors; and (c) that, during their tenure, they became very wealthy. Thus, if now things fall apart concerning that property, questions must arise.

But, as a longstanding newspaper editor, I readily understood why the report was so cagey about that question. A full answer might have raised serious legal problems. Yet that was why I felt so terribly short-changed. For the headline had induced me to buy a copy precisely in expectation of an answer.

Instead, those handling the story tried to give the reader a rain cheque by injecting *future* value into it. A blurb motivated the reader by promising that the battle would be "*bruising*". It said that, "...in a *bruising* fight ... that could end up in court...", the former president and a close cabinet aide were ganging up on a coeval presidential aide, accusing him of having "...dispossessed them of prime properties..."

It could, of course, end up in court. But, evidently, that is only a future possibility. That is the question. So long in advance of the case reaching the courts, how could the blurb's writer know that the battle would be *bruising*? All newspaper headline writers are familiar with the answer to that question.

It is that the adjective *bruising* is intended merely to add salt and pepper to a story which — because you have removed the real news meat from it to avoid legal problems — has been rendered worthless as news and, therefore, completely, tasteless in the news palate.

In the "Information Age", this verbal extravagance has become the stock-in-trade of the ministerial office, the political podium, the NGO conference hall, the donor community, the pulpit and — which is what alarms me — the newsroom and the classroom.

In Nairobi, more and more women are being "*mainstreamed*" (considered on equal terms as men) and more and more science subjects are being "*prioritised*" (given importance equal to that of the "*humanities*"). A British writer chuckles that, in London, more and more doors are being "*alarmed*" (fitted with alarm bells) and more and more trains are being "*terminated*" (brought to the *terminus*).

In Nairobi, I recently read somewhere that, in Kenya's security offices, more and more "*suspects are being fed into the computer*"! With futurism of that kind in the offing, three cheers for the technological revolution. Such glowing malapropisms — and there are a legion in the NGO offering — are what are called *hype*.

In London (and Nairobi), the British critic asserts, "Among the most cherished words in the lexicon of *hype* is '*great*'. If you took '*great*' away from your average *hypester*, it would be like snatching a life-belt from a drowning man." *Great*, isn't it!

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QUOTED

"Isaac (Ruto) should just stop making allegations which are not valid and push on with his referendum".

Kericho Senator Charles Keter, dismissing the claim that the Deputy President wants the Bomet governor impeached

FAIR PLAY | Peter Mwaura

Judges are human, just like the rest of us

Judges are human. But it's taboo to say so. If we say judges are human we are also saying they have human weaknesses such as bias, anger and jaundiced eyes. We cannot accept that, especially if we're seeking justice now or in future.

Do judges themselves accept they are human? A better question is: Are judges inhuman? But I will reserve that for another day. There are four theories about the humanness of judges, which I gleaned from their judgments.

The first one is the Havelock Detachment Theory. It goes like this, as expressed by Justice Jonathan Havelock in his judgment in the Matter of Adopt-A-Light Ltd: "It may not be commonly understood, that, besides being human, judges are, by training and experience, quite capable of exercising a high degree of personal and emotional detachment from the cases that they are called upon to determine."

The second is the Ibrahim Thesis. In the case of Yusuf Gitau Abdallah v Building Centre (K) Ltd & 4 Others, Justice Mohammed Ibrahim of the Supreme Court hypothesizes: "(The) law acknowledges that judges are human and are fallible hence the judicial remedies of appeal and review."

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Judges are people. They laugh, cry, and have attitudes; they become angry, partisan, party-minded and so on”

The third is the Commonsense Theory of the Judges and Magistrates Vetting Board. In its Report of November 2, 2012, it postulates: "Given the frailties of human memory, tardiness may cause the judge to fall into error. How can a judge remember the demeanour of witnesses months and even years after the conclusion of the evidence?"

The fourth is the Complete Admission Theory proclaimed by Justices Amrittal Shah, Philip Tunoi, and Bernard Chunga. In the case of Kaplan & Stratton v L.Z. Engineering Construction Ltd & 2 Others, the three Court of Appeal judges of a bygone era proclaim: "Judges are human beings. They have their predilections and prejudices. They are a complex of instincts which make the man."

The public, however, largely believes

in the Mythology Theory that assumes judges are non-human. When lawyers are appointed judges, and don their intimidating robes that represent the authority and reverence of the law, the public believes they've been transformed into something different from the rest of us. In their eyes, they become demigods. It would be uncomfortable to think of judges differently because when people go to court they expect judges to be untainted by human foibles.

However, that is fantasy. Judges are people. They laugh, cry, and have attitudes; they become angry, partisan, party-minded and so on. An American author and judge, Jerome Frank helps us to debunk the myth judges are some magical figures: "There are bright judges and dull judges; strong judges and weak judges; level-headed and flighty judges; cold-blooded judges and emotional judges; 'thick-minded' and thin-minded; honest and dishonest," he writes. He is talking about American judges. But judges, the world over, are the same. "Most judges are not merely human but also quite ordinary humans," to quote another American, Chad Oldfather, a professor of law.

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Title deeds, please, before seminars on their use

Cabinet Secretary Charity Ngilu's announcement that she would soon distribute title deeds to several counties, including Meru North, is a godsend. The tussle between her ministry and the National Land Commission is uncalled for. In Nyambene, Meru North, our people have been battling over numerous land cases. The other parts of Meru, which received title deeds in the 1960s, are way ahead of us. We do not need more seminars. Deliver title deeds to us, and then follow them with seminars to make us understand how title deeds can work for us. The land commission is only relevant to us if it issues land titles and stops our agony.

THIAINE KUBAISON, Tigania West

MPs have no power to reward their followers

Our politicians never cease to amaze me. They have taken us back to the dark days when government services were used to intimidate people. They have forgotten that we passed a Constitution that guarantees equal and equitable opportunities for all Kenyans. We see them moving around the country promising goodies, especially on the referendum. The threat of Ebola, the health workers strike and the impending teachers' strike have all taken a back seat. Kenyans should read and understand the Constitution as it guarantees every Kenyan quality services. Kenyans are the bosses, politicians are our servants, they will serve us until the time our engagement with them is renewed or severed.

RAEL AKORU, Lodwar

Urgent action needed to curb fire accidents

Not a month passes without a case of a child being burnt to death at home. It is very disturbing. The police and the county administration should warn parents against leaving children alone at home. Some parents wait for their children to fall asleep before they leave the house. This is the worst form of child neglect. Such parents should be held accountable and charged in court. There is no difference between those who throw their children in pit latrines and those who leave them alone in the house.

DAVE MUNGAI, via e-mail

TALKING POINT

To gain acceptance, NIS must come out and explain its role

As we usher in Major General Philip Wachira Kameru as the new Director General at the National Intelligence Service, replacing Major General Michael Gichangi, it is time the national spy agency came out to tell Kenyans exactly what it is mandated to do by law.

Of all Kenya's security organs, the mandate and functions of NIS are the least known and understood.

Scheming through NIS Act (2010), a public document, I sense the problem with the interpretation of the roles and functions of NIS has to do with its predecessors — the National Security Intelligence Service, and its precursors; the Directorate of Security Intelligence (DSI) and the Special Branch.

These outfits had different roles from those of the NIS today. Indeed, the DSI and the Special Branch were part of the Kenya Police, and were extremely secretive about their work. They are best remembered as mean and nasty.

Certainly, the NIS has to work anonymously quite often, in order to gather intelligence and counter-intelligence.

However, times have changed with the expansion of our democratic space.

A good example on accountability is the operation of the criminal justice system, which depends on separate institutions with separate roles to achieve a common goal.



FILE | NATION

The incoming Director General of the National Intelligence Service, Major General Philip Wachira Kameru (left), talks to Public Investments Committee chairman Adan Keynan and the Kiambu County Woman Representative, Ms Annah Nyokabi Gathecha, at County Hall in Nairobi on September 2.

For that system to work, there must be cooperation between law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defence lawyers, criminal courts and correctional facilities.

The NIS's role — according to the Act — is to gather, assemble and analyse information pertaining to threats to national security and to advise the relevant agencies and arms of government.

However, NIS does not have a role in determining the appropriate action to be taken by the agencies and arms of government that it advises.

Most Kenyans are aware of the NIS's role in the fight against terrorism.

However, there are other less known security issues on which the NIS's efforts are focused. For instance,

the NIS provides intelligence on organised crime — drug trafficking, human trafficking, criminal gangs, financial crime and cyber-crime.

The NIS also gathers and shares intelligence on people who seek to hold certain public positions that require vetting under our Constitution, but has no role in the final determination of their suitability.

Similarly, the NIS provides security reports on aliens seeking Kenyan citizenship and foreign institutions seeking to undertake activities in Kenya that may have a bearing on national security.

The Constitution has been instrumental in transforming the NIS into a more open service.

EUTYCHUS M'KITHANDIKA, via e-mail

The Deputy President does not need a house in Mombasa

I recently read that the government wants to build the Deputy President's house in Mombasa. The government should get its priorities right.

Human beings are strange. The DP is already leading a cosy lifestyle in a government house worth billions in Nairobi.

Now the government thinks he also needs another house in Mombasa. It should first deal with poverty among Kenyans, not construct a palace for someone who doesn't need it. The government believes in burning public money.

GITHUKU MUNGAI, Nairobi

THE CUTTING EDGE

BY THE WATCHMAN

WRONG PRIORITIES. The government's proposal to splash billions of shillings on MCAs is annoying, considering that it has failed to pay teachers' outstanding dues for years, says Charles Mwabili. That Sh12 billion can be found to please politicians and not the teachers, who mould productive future citizens through education, is something Charles cannot take. "Teachers have every reason to believe that they can only get money out of the government by going on strike." His contact is cmwabili@yahoo.co.uk.

TRAFFIC JAM. The National Transport Safety Authority has been collecting millions of shillings from traffic offenders in its latest crackdown, notes Ben Njenga, adding: "But the law of reciprocity demands that when a driver is held up for hours in a traffic jam, he also should demand some compensation from them for failing to ensure an efficient traffic flow." The authority, county government and Transport Cabinet Secretary Michael Kamau should seek an urgent solution to the perennial traffic jams. His contact is bnjenga77@gmail.com.

ATTRACTING TOURISTS. The Kenya Tourism Board, D. Njuguna Kinyanjui says, is lagging behind its Tanzanian counterpart, which for several years now, has been advertising and getting the attention of the millions of soccer fans who religiously follow the English Premier League matches on TV. The Tanzanians, he adds, place advertisements on their tourist attractions in prime locations in the stadiums used by the Barclays Premier League. Kenyans should follow suit. His contact is kdnjuguna@yahoo.com.

TICKET THIEVES. This is a scandal, yells Dr S. Wabwire, who on leaving the parking at the JKIA, Nairobi, on August 31, was told to pay Sh1,500, but on reaching home and looking at the ticket again, was shocked to find that he had been ripped off. The ticket indicated clearly that he had paid only Sh90. "The chaps made a cool Sh1,400 from me." But Dr Wabwire won't let this one pass. He is appealing to the firm that provides the ticketing service and the Kenya Airports Authority to get in touch with him for the details. His contact is wabsil@yahoo.com.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS. Kiambu Road has become a zone for rampant overlapping during rush hour by public service vehicles and private car drivers, says Anne Mbugua. The government, she adds, is letting an opportunity to rake in revenue go by failing to slap the traffic offenders with heavy fines. Enough money, she adds, could be raised to pay the striking doctors and nurses. "Law-abiding motorists are harassed and get home late. Please, sell this idea to the government." Her contact is njerimbu@gmail.com.

Have an orderly day, won't you!

ON THIS DATE IN 1999

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WELCOME. Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano is escorted to his jet by Minister Julius Sunkuli after a stop-over at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. He was on his way to Libya to attend an OAU summit.

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

What are your reflections of President Moi's 24-year rule?

DENNIS JOHNSTONE ONYINO: During his reign, there were no wrangles among political leaders.

JOAB OGALLO OGWENO: There was pain for those opposed to his rule. He

used force to gain influence.

AMBROSE MUTHAURA: He made me like school due to the school milk programme. The country was peaceful for the 24 years, except during the 1982 coup

attempt.

FLORENCE CHEROTICH: During the rule of President Moi, the news normally started with the President's whereabouts and what he had generally been up to.

DEBATE QUESTION

What is your opinion on cash offers to MCAs over referendum?

Send your comments to: mailbox@ke.nationmedia.com

LETTER FROM AMERICA | Will Smith

Engage tribal chiefs in tackling Liberia Ebola crisis

If world experts involve leaders, men attacking medical workers will turn into collaborators

By now, you know the facts. More than 1,900 people have died of Ebola. Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Guinea have each declared a state of emergency. In Liberia, the entire nation is under a strict curfew from 9pm to 6am. And, although Guinea acknowledged the Ebola outbreak in March, the

international community has ramped up its response with greater provision of financial, medical and human resources only recently. Here is what you might not know. In Liberia, people are starving. Due to the state of emergency, the government has closed down major street markets, creating food and drug shortages.

According to Mr James Logan, a tribal leader from Banjor, Liberia, the price of a 23-kilogramme bag of rice has risen from 2,450 Liberia dollars (\$29) to 3,000 Liberia dollars (\$36). Considering that 76 per cent of the population lives on less than \$1 per day, that is a substantial increase. What's more, bodies infected with the virus are left to dete-

riorate on the streets for days, sometimes weeks. Three weeks ago, armed men in the country's largest slum, West Point, raided a makeshift Ebola treatment centre. And two weeks ago, they attacked Liberian soldiers, prompting them to fire live rounds of ammunition. Ebola is spreading at an unprecedented rate, and the response team needs a new approach.

Last summer, I spent three months conducting research in three of Monrovia's fishing communities, one of which was West Point. Since it is well-known for violence, expatriates are told to avoid the area. As a result, I had to confront the same distrust and suspicion that is evident in the response to today's medical experts.

The first time I entered West Point, I was with two government officials from the Bureau of National Fisheries. Few seemed to trust us. Some questioned our intentions, others stopped and watched inquisitively. I knew my affiliation with government officials was adding to the suspicion, but I also knew whom to befriend: the tribal chief.

Eager to collaborate.

On that visit, I became a friend of the Kru tribe's chief, Amos. When Amos addressed the community and described my research, the residents welcomed me and offered to help. They understood my intentions, and were eager to collaborate. Without Amos, I never would have been able to conduct my research. In the field experiment's follow-up survey, 90 fishermen from West Point, Point Four and Banjor were asked: "If there was a problem in the community, who would you ask to help fix it?"

Eighty-five said the chief of their tribe. Those numbers cannot be ignored, and they make sense when one considers Liberia's political history.

After declaring independence

in 1847, the Liberia government monopolised power and focused its resources on Greater Monrovia. For more than a century, the Americo-Liberian ethnic group's True Whig Party dominated the central government. Since most of their patron-clients lived in Greater Monrovia, they chose to rule through tribal chiefs in the hinterland. This system existed from the end of the 19th century until 1980, when a coup created instability and led to a 14-year civil war.

Historical context

Understanding this historical context is important when devising a response to the current Ebola outbreak. In most parts of the country, the most trusted authorities are the tribal chiefs. Even in Monrovia, certain areas such as West Point feel alienated by the government and hold a greater respect for their tribal leaders.

In the face of the current outbreak, which is anticipated to infect at least 20,000 West African lives, the response team must collaborate with tribal leaders. These leaders have developed rock-solid trust networks around the country, and if international experts work with them, armed men attacking medical workers and soldiers will turn into a welcoming network of collaborators.

It is simple. Tribal leaders will ensure cooperation and give medical experts the access they need to control the spread of the virus. Today, Mr Logan sent me a text message. "People are dying from hunger, heartbreak, and stress. Ebola is taking the lives of people who haven't even been infected."

At the end of his message was a simple question we have all been asked 1,000 times. Rarely has it ever been so important.

"What will you do?"

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED		
	30th June 2013	30th June 2014
	Kshs'000	Kshs'000
Total Net Sales	14,368,643	14,457,687
Gross Profit	2,768,495	2,814,083
Other Income	910,709	1,321,803
Operating Expenses	(3,177,240)	(3,618,497)
Profit from Operating Activities	501,964	517,389
Finance Costs	(16,062)	(64,640)
Profit Before Tax	485,902	452,749
Tax	(128,892)	(68,461)
Profit After Tax	357,010	384,288
Other Comprehensive Income	(9,781)	152,210
Total Comprehensive Income For The Year	347,229	536,498
Earnings Per Share	1.35	1.45
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ASSETS		
	30th June 2013	30th June 2014
NON CURRENT ASSETS	3,848,218	4,634,417
CURRENT ASSETS	1,725,315	2,250,436
TOTAL ASSETS	5,573,533	6,884,853
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
EQUITY		
Share Capital	1,327,133	1,327,133
Reserves	1,598,279	2,030,181
	2,925,412	3,357,314
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred Tax	-	78,185
Term Loans	200,000	99,185
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,448,121	3,350,169
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	5,573,533	6,884,853

NB: The accounts were audited by Ernst & Young and received an unqualified report.

Commentary on 2013/14 Performance

OVERVIEW
Despite slowed global economic growth, the Eastern African region's real GDP growth accelerated from 5.3% in 2012 to 6.2% in 2013 with all countries in the region registering growth. However the growth was partly adversely affected by spill-over effects of the March 2013 general elections in Kenya, incidents of insecurity mainly attributed to terrorism across East Africa, high bank borrowing rates, Euro debt related challenges, and challenges pertinent to transition to the new constitutional dispensation in Kenya, and insufficient rains in calendar year 2013.

Though there was a general decline in inflation in the East African economies, the rate was still high and this translated in to lower unit consumption.

Uchumi Group achieved cross listing in the stocks and securities exchanges in Nairobi-Kenya, Kigali-Rwanda; Kampala-Uganda during the year with listing in Dar-Tanzania being effected in August 2014. Uchumi shares are now trading in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania, making us a truly Eastern African company.

GROWTH
Uchumi continued actualizing the Growth phase of the then Rescue Plan. During the 2013/14 financial year, 8 new branches opened in green sites, that is - Mombasa Moi Avenue branch-October 2013, Juja branch-Dec 2013, Mbale (Eastern Uganda)-Jan 2014, Kisumu and Maua branch- March 2014, Segerea in Dar es Salaam-April 2014, Makumbusho in Dar es Salaam in May 2014 and Shekilango-June 2014. By the close of the financial year 2013/14, our total branch network stood at 37 (i.e. 27 in Kenya, 4 in Tanzania and 6 in Uganda).

PERFORMANCE
The Uchumi Group has continued to record growth and profits for the eighth consecutive year since reopening. The economic and social environments were negatively impacted by challenges like the Euro debt crisis, general elections (effect in Uganda and Kenya), freezing of public spending and effect of devolution in Kenya, high cost of living and borrowing affecting infrastructural development and customer propensity to spend among others. Total Group sales registered a marginal growth of 1% mainly due to the drop during the year in the Uganda subsidiary by 12% mainly attributed to competition, supply chain challenges and some locations becoming untenable due to infrastructural and tenancy mix challenges which may lead to our divestiture and relocation to already identified more promising locations in the coming financial year. Tanzania sales on the other hand grew by 10% versus prior year while Kenya registered a 2% growth in sales. Gross profits grew by 2% from Kshs.2.77 billion in 2012/13 to Kshs 2.81 billion in 2013/14 as a result of initiatives aimed at

maximization of trading margins. Annual customer numbers increased by 13% in 2013/14 relative to 2013/14. Operating costs also grew in line with operations as well as a result of runaway inflation. Finance costs increased to Kshs 64 million from Kshs 16 million as a result of new loan facilities in the year from ICDC and KCB. Consequently, the Group net profits before tax came down by 6.8% from Kshs 486 million in 2012/13 to Kshs 453 million in 2013/14 mainly attributed to inordinate losses in the Uganda subsidiary due to the challenges mentioned above, and the effect of investment in new branches in Kenya and Tanzania, which are yet to mature.

The statement of financial position grew by 24% (or Kshs.1,311 Million), from Kshs.5,574 Million in 2012/13 to Kshs. 6,885 Million in the year 2013/14.The Government of Kenya loan advanced during Receivership for purposes of reviving Uchumi in 2006 was fully settled upon paying the last installment of Kshs. 31 million on 30th June 2014.

DIVIDENDS
Due to the expected sustained future growth in profits, the Board of Directors is recommending for approval by the shareholders a first and final dividend of Kshs 0.30 per ordinary share.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER AND DATE OF PAYMENT
The register of members will be closed on Monday ,29th September 2014. If approved, the dividend will be paid, net of with-holding tax where applicable, within three month of approval by shareholders at the next Annual General Meeting to the members whose names appear in the Register at the close of business on Friday 26th September 2014.

OUTLOOK
The Uchumi Group is expected to continue to grow in performance and business base as the new outlets mature and we have adopted cautious strategic growth approach in the Eastern African region, an initiative that will be fully supported by the impending Rights Issue and the positive effect of Cross Listing in the EAC countries. Uchumi shares are now trading in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania, making us a truly Eastern African company.

By order of the Board

Ms KHADIJA MIRE
CHAIRPERSON

DR. JONATHAN CIANO, MBS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



DOMINIQUE FAGET | AFP

A medical worker with the Liberian Red Cross disinfects a house in the small city of Banjol, where three people infected with the Ebola virus died, on Thursday.

MY TOWN | University of Nairobi vice-chancellor Magoha and Lumumba among scholars from the area

A small town with prominent sons

Almost every village in Siaya is home to a big scholar or politician — and the Obamas hail from Kogelo

BY OUMAH OTIENOH
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A number of musicians have at one time sang their hearts out about my town — Siaya.

A typical example is Musa Juma with his hit song “Siaya Kababa”. The track is the pride of many in Siaya County.

Both the young and the old are often seen doing a jig every time the track is played.

Siaya is a county of many firsts. It produced the first Vice-President of Kenya — Jaramogi Oginga Odinga. He is well-known for having championed multi-party democracy.

Siaya also prides itself in having links with Mr Barack Obama, the first black American president. His father hailed from Kogelo, the once dusty and sleepy village in Siaya County.

Due to this background, the village is now the envy of many

— both black and white.

We take a drive to Mama Sarah Obama’s home and the old woman, who looked after President Obama’s father at a tender age, leaves us in stitches.

The president’s grandmother is a prolific storyteller. She amused us when she told us about how men used to elope with teenage girls.

My town has numerous beaches on Lake Victoria. One of them is Usenge.

This is the largest tropical trans-boundary freshwater lake in the world. Waters from rivers such as Yala and Nzoia drain into the lake. Yala Swamp, a vast wetland, forms the mouths of the

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FILE | NATION

A man looks at pictures of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and US President Barack Obama on a rock in Siaya town.

two rivers.

Back in the day, if you hailed from Siaya, women would swarm around you as it was regarded the home of “brainy” men. It has lived up to this tag as it has produced many academics.

The scholars include Prof W.R. Ochieng’, who was a historian and a literary critic; Prof Thomas Odhiambo, who founded the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology; Prof George Magoha, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi; Prof Bethwel Ogot and Prof PLO Lumumba.

The devolved unit also has some of the best performing educational institutions in the

country.

They include Maranda High School (top nationally, 2011); St Mary’s School, Yala; and Ng’iya Girls’ High School.

Siaya made another first in the 7th Parliament as it had a father (Jaramogi Odinga) and his son (Mr Raila Odinga) as members, representing Bondo and Langata constituencies, respectively.

Mr Raila Odinga later served in Parliament with his elder brother Oburu Oginga for two decades. Dr Oginga had taken over the mantle of Bondo after the death of their father.

Rarieda a sub-county in Siaya is home to one of the Kapenguria Six — Achieng’ Onoko.

With several roads being tar-macked within Siaya, the devolved unit is set to be a destination of choice for both local and foreign visitors.

My home is in Gem, where Deputy Minority Leader Jakoyo Midiwo always breathes fire against Jubilee.

The writer teaches at Ng’iya Girls’ High School, Siaya County, and is an author of several revision books. He founded the *Eye-ball* magazine.

Tell us the interesting things about your town. Send your stories to satnation@ke.nationmedia.com

PUBLIC NOTICE



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Diversions are as follows:

- North bound traffic will be diverted from Koja Stage roundabout via Kirinyaga road to the Globe interchange to join Muranga road via the slip road adjacent to Paramount Plaza.
- South bound traffic leaves Muranga road via the slip road adjacent to the Kenya International Hotel (KAHAMA) and will use Globe interchange. It will then enter Koja stage roundabout via the slip road from Globe interchange to Tom Mboya Street.
- South bound carriageway from Ngara road to the Koja stage roundabout will divert via Ngara road through Ring Road Ngara to Race Course road onto River Road to join the Koja stage roundabout.

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She is bold, sassy and audacious. See it through her prism and ride the roller-coaster life of Nairobi's young and trendy.

Young lady, there's no honour in dating a married politician

Don't think that *Mheshimiwa* loves you just because he has paid your Sh30,000 rent, bought you expensive perfume and a cheap car. The married MP, senator or MCA will make you pregnant and take off

A good number of young women are currently carrying *Waheshimiwas'* babies in their wombs. The courts are also full of young women chasing after the Big Men for child support and maintenance.

How they ended up with the babies is a big scandal, the reason why a certain tabloid is having great time putting in the open bedroom secrets of these young women and MPs, senators, governors and, wait a minute, the new Mr Moneybags in town, our MCAs.

Now ladies, take a seat and let me educate you on many things about these *Waheshimiwas* you fancy so much. The Big Man Syndrome, according to the soon to be published *City Girl Dictionary*, is the desire by young women to have a public figure, mainly a politician, shower them with love, whether fake or genuine. The syndrome makes young desperate women believe that all their problems will end once they hook up the Big Men.

Most young woman suffer from the syndrome because they wear heels higher than their standards.

The Big Man is most likely married to a long-suffering wife (wives), who has several children that he is struggling to support.

These MPs, senators, governors, MCAs and some corporate honchos you see on television and they lie to you how 'hot' you look are mannerless.

They impress you with money they don't have, cars they can't afford and skills they don't possess. There is high chance that the big car he sends to pick you from your workplace was bought on a loan that he will not be able to service by the time he leaves public office.

There is a good chance that the set of gold rings he is wearing are fake cheap metal he bought while in traffic jam somewhere on Kanu Street in Nakuru or even

the famous Koinange Street in Nairobi.

If he matches his tight t-shirt that outlines his potbelly with his hat and shoes, then sweetheart, you are dating a grown man so low in the 'swag game'.

Don't, my dear ladies, be persuaded that he cares for you when all he can do is pay your Sh40,000 rent in Kileleshwa. A man who truly cares for you will buy you a mansion in Karen and register it under your name. But then again, these MCAs, MPs, senators and governors can barely afford to buy a designer suit without sitting in 10 committee meetings in a week pretending to be investigating a scandal.

That Mercedes C200, BMW 3 series or Pink Vitz he bought for you, fuels and services on your behalf is just a smoke-screen. Chances are it was bought on loan too, and in another five years, when he is kicked out of *Bunge* by *wananchi*, it will also go.

Darling, allow me to let you into a little secret. There is nothing glamorous about dating a Big Man. You are not the only Pretty Young Thing in his life. Trust me, I am a journalist, I run into them most of the week and we get 'irresistible' offers to be *bibi ya mkubwa* every time we interview them.

Has he given you his credit card? Yes? Good girl. I see you have upgraded your plastic weave and you no longer wear braids. I can see that you have upgraded your make-up as well, from natural to a lipstick shade that barely goes with your complexion.

Good for you, girl, good. Enjoy the dinner and coffee at high-end restaurants, but remember to save some for the future because HIV is real. With that Big Man, who cannot zip up — that is why he came for you anyway — you can never be sure of anything.

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Most young woman suffer from the syndrome because they wear heels higher than their standards”

Author



Oh, I almost forgot. Since you are a myopic young woman, you will post photos of the big car and big house that he is renting for you on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You will viciously defend your Big Man on social media and make a complete circus of yourself protecting a politician from your 765 followers on Twitter.

There is also a chance that you will check in on Foursquare at that prestigious safari club in Nanyuki or that pristine white beach where he has taken dozens of girls before you. Word of advice; from sister to sister, keep your affairs and out-of-town romps to yourself.

If you are a sharp girl, you will not get pregnant for that Big Man. But because he has fattened you with a free car, house rent and a shiny credit card, you will probably let your guard down and decide to bear him a son or daughter, then start chasing after him for child upkeep.

Isn't it funny how you discover that

Big Man has been having two other baby mamas?

Because you are all pregnant and plump, you mean nothing more to him than another desperate little girl who got played.

Your value decreases drastically and you begin to call your friends in the media to link you with a reporter from that tabloid that writes about MPs who have impregnated their housemaids.

You tell your story and you become a national clown enjoying your 15 seconds of fame. He stops returning your calls and stops paying your rent.

Your BMW is repossessed and in a bid to salvage your image, you settle for a Toyota Starlet whose 1.3 litre engine you can barely fuel.

You move back to Kinoo or Buruburu, with your baby in tow, cursing that MP, and all men. *Aki wanaume ni wabaya*, you will keep on singing as you become a desperate single woman raising her child alone.



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YOUR FEEDBACK

Hi Njoki, you are growing up day by day and I liked last week's article. I totally agree with you that fuming will not draw our men any closer. It can't help in relationships. Women should style up

Rev Avudiko Geoffrey, Kitale

I am Andy, the guy who registered disgust after the first column that you wrote. I never thought that the editorial bosses would let you continue writing some useless things like insulting my Subaru. I have anyway been reading your

articles and I have noticed that if you will keep writing issues that affect society like the filthy wigs, and ladies who try to show their men pettiness yet they are the ones paying all the bills in the house, then we shall be on the same page.

Prince Jafar

Thumbs up Njoki for that point-blank advice. It's high time wives treated their husbands well no matter the time they come home. He'll reciprocate if you are nice.

Marie Kaggz

Ma'am, the truth hurts. Which-ever reactions you get my dear, don't worry because you are spot on. The truth will set us free one day.

Gerald

Hi Njoki. I never miss your articles because you hit the nail on the head. The article titled "*Man you treat like doormat will be celebrated elsewhere*" was captivating and it is a reality. I have seen it

happen. Women tend to think that a man will always beg for their love. It gets a time when we get sick and tired of being treated like trash or tissue paper. A man will work all day so that he can provide for the family, but when he comes home in the evening, a wife even can't welcome him, warm water for him, serve him food neither can she iron his clothes. What will make that man not walk away from you? As you said, "Let's see how far you will go."

Calvin Queens

I concur with you. It's only our women who turn backs on real issues. Continue touching where it pains. Poke them...men are kings in their dens.

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Truth is what will make Africa a great continent. When you speak with that power our women will be set free. That is why our women love foreigners believing that they will come home by 5pm, just to realise the truth later. African men

by extension are polygamous and our forefathers knew better. Fighting HIV/Aids in Africa has become almost impossible because we are trying something foreign (monogamous), let us be ourselves.

Gachui Gatonye Wamwamba

I have been following your articles and today's was one of the best. Let ladies know the bitter truth. You were spot on. We need to be respected. Bravo!

A happy Joseph

SATURDAY NATION

Weekend



**NOT ALL IS LOST FOR
LOCAL CRIME THRILLERS**

A look at Ndugu wa Ngugi's first book, a novel titled 'City Murders'. **Page 38**

REFLECTIONS | In this third instalment on East Africa's literary greats, Bukenya looks at Tanzania's men and women of letters

Of Nyerere, 'Juliasi Kaizari' and the Tanzanian literati

Mwalimu might have fought the British colonists, but he wasn't going to throw his Shakespeare 'baby' out with the colonial bathwater

BY AUSTIN BUKENYA
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Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's emergence as a literary figure, with his *Juliasi Kaizari* and *Mabepari wa Venisi*, can be traced back to his Makerere College days in the latter half of the 1940s.

I was a mere toddler then, but as I grew up I got to hear of the legendary production of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, in which our equally legendary teacher, Margaret Macpherson, directed a cast comprising an array of future East African leaders, including Apollo Milton Obote.

I have no evidence that Nyerere was in the cast or crew. In the nearly 10 years I worked with Macpherson I don't remember her mentioning Mwalimu's participation.

What is certain, however, is that as an English language student of hers at Makerere, Nyerere would have been widely exposed to classical English Literature, including Shakespeare.

Of particular literary and linguistic interest, however, is Mwalimu's decision to launch his literary career with Shakespeare in Kiswahili. It points to a number of significant developments in his and Tanzania's literary journey.

Translation

Apparently, Mwalimu liked and valued the positive elements in his cosmopolitan education. He might have fought the British colonists, but he wasn't going to throw his Shakespeare "baby" out with the colonial bathwater.

Mwalimu knew, however, that the future of Tanzania's culture lay in Kiswahili. To share Shakespeare with his people, he had to deliver him in Kiswahili, hence his daring translation enterprise.

I call it daring because translation is such a complex affair that some purists even claim that it is impossible to properly translate any text at all.

Yet experience tells us that translation is a necessary channel of communication wherever two or more languages meet. How many people have ever read the Bible in



its original tongues?

But that doesn't mean that Mwalimu's task of taking the English bull by the horns (or is it sharp spears?) and dragging it into the Kiswahili *zizi* was an easy feat by any means.

He probably took it on because he saw the great teaching value in the bard's texts. *Julius Caesar*, for example, is an engaging study in the quest for political power,

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while *The Merchant of Venice* is a startling revelation of the evils of rapacious money-dominated systems.

Apart from the relevant content, Mwalimu's translations were practical demonstrations of the versatility and sophistication of Kiswahili, and its capability to take on the subtlest nuances of dramatic poetry.

Anyway, his work across the two transnational languages in which he was equally fluent points to a significant trend in Tanzanian creative writing, which we may tend to ignore today.

Most East Africans assume that Tanzania's creative writers publish almost exclusively in Kiswahili.

This is not accurate. Tanzanian authors, especially those of my generation, were as likely to write in English as in Kiswahili.

Thus you get quality prose texts like Peter Palangyo's *Dying in the Sun*, Gabriel Ruhumbika's *Village in Uhuru*, and the

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Author Abdulrazak Gurnah

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THE ADVANCE OF KSHS. 28.5 BILLION TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Following the delay in the approval of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2014 by Parliament, the National Government through the National Treasury advanced the County Governments a sum of Kenya shillings Twenty Eighty Billion Five Hundred Nineteen Million and Five Hundred thousand (KShs. 28,519,500,000) and credited the same in their respective Revenue Fund Accounts in Central Bank Of Kenya.

This was done in order to ensure continuity of service delivery by County Governments in accordance with Article 223 of the Constitution, pending approval of the County allocation of Revenue Bill, 2014.

In this respect, here below is a status report of balances held in various bank accounts of County Governments at the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK):-

COUNTY GOVERNMENT	ADVANCE BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON 29.08.2014	BANK BALANCES IN THE COUNTY BANK ACCOUNTS AT THE CBK AS AT 01.09.2014			
		REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT NOTE (i)	RECURRENT ACCOUNT NOTE (i)	DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT NOTE (i)	TOTAL BANK BALANCES NOTE (i)
	A	B	C	D	e=b+c+d
BARINGO	484,363,977.00	1,045,795,636.95	2,033,474.70	0.20	1,047,829,111.85
BOMET	515,385,532.00	327,765,662.05	198,369,977.10	0	526,135,639.15
BUNGOMA	837,208,027.00	1,040,784,838.90	477,001,745.35	524,335,550.00	2,042,122,134.25
BUSIA	593,355,962.00	610,151,646.35	115,436,485.55	207,485,912.85	933,074,044.75
ELGEYO MARAKWET	356,690,735.00	535,083,950.05	81,850,855.40	314,460,683.95	931,395,489.40
EMBU	437,226,962.00	664,948,977.90	136,797,739.80	0	801,746,717.70
GARISSA	640,733,605.00	1,874,208,118.90	23,453,061.25	0	1,897,661,180.15
HOMA BAY	614,595,439.00	158,877,152.50	465,695,556.00	0	624,572,708.50
ISIOLO	333,432,115.00	496,156,562.45	33,379,222.20	0	529,535,784.65
KAJIADO	481,206,821.00	1,076,045,298.85	71,062,258.70	0	1,150,243,011.55
KAKAMEGA	992,200,366.00	1,025,893,058.95	70,640,433.90	12,626,413.90	1,109,159,906.75
KERICHO	489,383,908.00	626,355,225.05	39,242,553.00	7,233,998.00	672,831,776.05
KIAMBU	822,731,695.00	897,795,741.50	11,699,064.70	73,397,320.00	982,892,126.20
KILIFI	811,535,522.00	1,157,863,337.15	696,423,020.55	498,462,352.00	2,352,748,709.70
KIRINYAGA	385,855,986.00	624,341,061.85	222,764,021.25	0	847,105,083.10
KISII	782,026,496.00	790,148,456.40	54,592,689.30	0	844,741,145.70
KISUMU	644,484,468.00	1,029,811,708.80	37,393,129.60	138,911,254.15	1,206,116,092.55
KITUI	792,562,319.00	1,899,754,738.55	392,096,144.90	347,325,436.40	2,639,176,319.85
KWALE	559,068,045.00	691,573,107.90	110,540,601.00	507,228,578.00	1,309,342,286.90

COUNTY GOVERNMENT	ADVANCE BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON 29.08.2014	BANK BALANCES IN THE COUNTY BANK ACCOUNTS AT THE CBK AS AT 01.09.2014			
		REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT NOTE (i)	RECURRENT ACCOUNT NOTE (i)	DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT NOTE (i)	TOTAL BANK BALANCES NOTE (i)
LAMU	223,740,445.00	424,319,526.55	90,135,992.30	351,417,072.90	865,872,591.75
MACHAKOS	753,916,190.00	849,477,078.85	4,296,649.40	12,701,000.00	866,474,728.25
MAKUENI	651,109,100.00	904,827,725.85	292,899,227.00	720,576,338.00	1,918,303,290.85
MANDERA	976,727,768.00	1,574,287,637.55	836,804,073.00	1,348,823,905.00	3,759,915,615.55
MARSABIT	565,974,025.00	955,752,577.60	29,367,243.00	474,484,599.75	1,459,604,420.35
MERU	714,664,422.00	830,319,774.15	798,072,315.00	250,000,000.00	1,878,392,089.15
MIGORI	636,601,223.00	65,734,360.05	340,000,000.00	260,000,000.00	665,734,360.05
MOMBASA	587,856,135.00	628,077,424.90	68,304,570.50	135,000,000.00	831,381,995.40
MURANGA	584,144,739.00	632,440,849.85	12,095,014.10	45,795,092.10	690,330,956.05
NAIROBI	1,417,523,923.00	1,438,178,751.10	1,079,064.80	201,614.35	1,439,459,430.25
NAKURU	917,053,140.00	940,816,899.90	79,440,161.00	0	1,020,257,060.90
NANDI	518,600,000.00	577,090,485.45	83,227,198.85	198,843,657.25	859,161,341.55
NAROK	576,717,506.00	779,338,624.05	111,838,619.95	37,745,494.55	928,922,738.55
NYAMIRA	453,136,938.00	825,973,652.75	2,830,819.10	0	828,804,471.85
NYANDARUA	469,787,065.00	497,577,702.40	189,650,540.00	97,723,712.00	784,951,954.40
NYERI	505,063,728.00	603,222,138.50	28,626,779.65	92,679.00	631,941,597.15
SAMBURU	387,357,067.00	430,594,619.65	145,916,157.00	126,445,048.25	718,456,894.60
SIAYA	544,751,651.00	1,472,102,565.00	75,893,488.65	0	1,547,996,053.65
TAITA TAVETA	360,931,991.00	503,132,385.90	65,577,530.15	19,884,780.00	588,594,696.05
TANA RIVER	434,516,589.00	645,670,056.80	244,206,320.00	794,710,950.00	1,684,587,326.80
THARAKA NITHI	342,170,338.00	350,447,402.20	151,558,162.90	0	502,005,565.10
TRANS NZOIA	556,235,177.00	556,318,330.50	3,288,794.75	124,157,778.00	683,764,903.25
TURKANA	1,142,916,776.00	3,501,932,037.05	548,947,013.10	0	4,050,879,050.15
UASIN GISHU	566,207,861.00	885,869,403.30	17,133,153.55	93,964,687.00	996,967,243.85
VIHIGA	422,261,746.00	480,517,336.20	2,573,871.25	110,215,926.10	593,307,133.55
WAJIR	788,843,781.00	836,469,177.15	132,201,431.00	640,474,292.75	1,609,144,900.90
WEST POKOT	470,430,510.00	477,460,599.50	33,090,142.00	2,527,643.50	513,078,385.00
TOTAL	28,519,500,007.00	39,676,558,251.25	7,684,978,886.85	8,477,253,769.95	55,857,427,431.75

Note (i): The bank balances include balances carried forward from Financial Year 2013/2014 and revenue collected by Counties in the current Financial Year 2014/2015 and credited to their accounts at CBK.



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS | Kenyan authors speak

40 books later, writing books for children is still my hobby

It's surprisingly tougher to write a book that will excite a child than entertain an adult

BY DAVID G. MAILLU
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Story-telling for children is as old as human life is, but different cultures tell them differently.

I have been telling my children stories powered by the awareness that African traditional story-telling is very different from the present published form primarily imported from Europe.

Although all of us who are adults were once upon-a-time children, it is not easy for us to put ourselves into the shoes of children to think like them.

It is as if by the time we reach adulthood, the growing force obliterates childhood psychology.

You become aware of this problem particularly when you write for children.

You can't write for children successfully if you fail to think like them.

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The age of the writer, David Maillu. He faults James Bond type of books for lacking moral teaching.

My first published book was a children's book titled *Kisalu and his Fruit Garden*. Since then, I have never stopped writing for children.

As of today, I have about 40 titles for children ranging from the age of primary school to the secondary level. Surprisingly among those titles, some are more popular than others.

Very complex

In order to create works that excite children successfully, you have got to develop a special art of story-telling. This is because children have their favourites.

The world of children is very complex and their values differ appreciably from adults'. For example, adults appreciate details; but details bore children.

To write a story that can move a child to tears, you will have to be a genius. Surprisingly, you can easily move adults to tears with your work, but not children.

This does not mean children have no feelings. In fact,

children have a powerful baggage of feelings.

On the other hand, you can make children laugh easily with your works, but you will have to be specially talented in humour to make adults laugh.

There is a great difference between traditional folk tales and the imported concept of story-telling for children.

Traditionally, most tales included melodious songs, which is an impossible genre in modern published stories unaccompanied by songs.

The special thing about songs accompanying a story is that the song makes the story more moving and appealing.

Later in life, even when you have forgotten the story, the song remains and accompanies you to your death.

Appealing coating

From that perspective, the published story unaccompanied by song is primitive in impressing the child.

It may be given appealing coating through illustrations, but illustrations fall short of impressing the child the way accompanying songs do.

Again, traditionally every story was told loaded with a moral teaching. For example, it might be illustrated by a handsome man with a hidden third eye behind the neck, psychologically showing that people are individualistic in their behaviour. We have good people and bad people.

Or it might be illustrated by the ogre, which can appear in the form of an attractive human being.

Traditional, folk tales carried a lot of socio-psychological knowledge of human behaviour, which helped the person to interpret humans accurately in later years.

Deviation from that traditional presentation has introduced uncountable works, which aim

purely at exciting the child — a kind of James Bond stories.

It may be about a cheeky character full of tricks on how to run away from danger. Others create characters which are super-human.

The absence of moral teaching in these stories means that they offer very little in moulding a good citizen when the reader becomes an adult.

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David Maillu



MY FAVOURITE BOOK

How I learned to exhale after a failed love affair

BY JYKI VIYELLA

They say that every woman must go through at least one heartbreak in her lifetime. While there is truth to that, I was taught to be always optimistic.

To spare myself any heartache, baggage and drama that comes with relationships, I decided that I would start dating at the age of 22, telling myself that would be the “right” time. I should have known better.

My first and only relationship was catastrophic. Everything was moving very fast to begin with. I wanted the kind of love you see in the movies — flowers, chocolate, lots of pictures together, dinners, brunches and everything else that comes with being in a relationship.

I would see love through the eyes of all the romance novels I had read throughout my teenage years. I wanted what Danielle Steel depicts in her novels.

I was, sadly, disappointed. I called it off and discovered that while with him I had forgotten all about me. My life had revolved around him and his interests. I had stopped reading. With so much time on my hands, I decided to start reading again, I picked Terry Macmillan's *Waiting To Exhale*, and it became not only my favourite book, but my a guide to manoeuvring around love and life in general.

This is the book I should have read when I decided to go out and start dating. The book delves into the lives of three African-American women living in Arizona, who get their shares of heartbreaks and pain as they all wait to exhale and find the perfect man.

The most trusting and gullible of the four women is Robin, a pretty young thing, who excuses the cheating habits of her man, Russel. She trusts him so much that goes ahead and borrows money from her folks to lend the sleaze. She is still blind when she meets Troy, a drug addict, who goes as far as stealing from her to sustain his habit.

Then she meets a man who is ready to offer her everything she has ever wanted, but lacking in physique, in his bedroom skills, with hair in his ears, and who could use a gym membership and diet. I guess its true what they say about not having it all.

Savannah is the cynic of the lot, who wants a good man, but has not had any in years. The one she gets turns out to be a deadbeat liar and a phony, who was posing as a good man. She finds herself in the arms of a former lover, Kenneth, who claims he loves her, but is married.

The upscale one is Bernadine, who is going through a divorce from her rich husband, who leaves her for a white woman and goes on and hides his assets in advance to reduce alimony and child support. She gets comfort from a married man named Herbert, who becomes a nuisance, so she ends it. The last woman in the book is Gloria, a down-to-earth overweight woman struggling to raise a teenage son on her own.

This book taught me a lot. It taught me that no relationship is perfect, nothing really is, reality is harsh. It taught me the importance of solid friendships like the ones these four ladies share, the joy of sisterhood and what a cushion your friends can become.

Even though things were grim in all the ladies' relationships, the book gave me hope that as frogs do come, no one knows what the future holds. That it is okay to not have the comforts of a relationship and that happiness is you first.

Bernadine's husband, for instance, loses the legal battle and she ends up with a million-dollar settlement in alimony, which is topped with her getting a good man, a soul mate sort of, and she is elated.

Gloria also gets a man, a neighbour, who moves right across the street from her, who likes more than the sweet potato pie she offers him, but she does not get away with being overweight — she gets a massive heart attack, a wake-up call to take care of herself better.

Savannah gets a job as a TV producer and breaks it off with the married man. Robin gets pregnant by her deadbeat two-timing boyfriend Russel, but decides to keep it, which makes her happy.

Next time I get into a relationship, I will know better than to expect perfection or roses and chocolates. For now I will wait to exhale!

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Tell us about a book that changed your life in not more than 800 words. Send your story to satnation@ke.nationmedia.com

What to do before you plant and set

KNOW THE CROPS TO GROW VIA SMS

I have five acres in Nanyuki at a place known as Sweet Waters, and I am looking for the best variety of wheat seed. Advise also on the quantity I will require. Do I need to apply fertiliser?

Warui

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service has a short message service you could use to receive seed variety recommendations. The message will cost you Sh10.

1. Go to 'write message' on your cell phone
 2. Type wheat#division, for example, wheat#Nanyuki (your division in this case)
 3. Send message to 20354. You will receive details of seed varieties.
- Contact us for advice if this service fails. Generally, it is recommended to apply Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP:18:46:0) during planting at the rate of 125kg per hectare to supply an equivalent of 22.5kg per hectare of nitrogen and 25kg per hectare of phosphate. Top dressing should be done with CAN at the rate of 100kg per hectare to provide 33kg per hectare of nitrogen a month later. To know the amount and type of fertiliser to use for your soil, a preliminary soil test is advised.

John Nganga, Department of Crops, Horticulture and Soils, Egerton University

MY COW HAS REFUSED TO CALVE

I have a cow, which since last August, has not calved despite being served four times. I tried GNRH and PG hormones, which still didn't work. The vet confirmed that the ovaries are fine. Please advise on the action I should take.

Farmer

Repeat breeding can be caused by a number of factors, including sub-fertile bulls, endocrine problems, malnutrition, reproductive tract infections and poor management. Before resorting to hormonal treatment, causes of infertility need to be detected and severe failures in housing, feeding or reproductive tract infections must be eliminated. Dairy cows should be provided with proper housing, adequate quantity and good quality roughage and *ad libitum* mineral supplementation.

Ronald K. Kimitei, Department of Animal Sciences, Egerton University



I NEED DESMODIUM

I would like to buy packaged desmodium for my cows.

David Bor

Unfortunately, packaged desmodium is scarce in the country. Kindly consider buy-



HERE IS WHAT TO GROW IN MWEA

What are the best crops to cultivate in Mwea, Mbeere South? The soil is black cotton, and it becomes waterlogged when it rains and cracks during the dry weather.

Farmer

You can grow rice and oil crops like sunflower and safflower. Others like onions, wheat and banana can also do well with improved drainage. In the dry spell, you can grow legumes such as chickpea, which is a dry land crop and soya beans.

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ing seeds for your own establishment from outlets such as Kenya Seed Company.

Ronald K. Kimitei, Department of Animal Sciences, Egerton University

NEW BEAN VARIETIES

I would like to plant the new bean varieties from Egerton on my quarter-acre, but I don't know if it does well in Londiani, Kericho County. If it does, which is the nearest distributor?

Clarence

Egerton University's bean varieties Chelalanga or Tasha would do well in Londiani. Buy them from Kericho Mashambani Agrovets in the town. You can also buy from Nakuru in Menengai Agrovets, Mea Ltd or Faida Seeds. Talk to Mulwa 0720269018

Bernard Towett and James Kiplagat, Egerton Seed Unit

PASSION FRUIT SEEDLINGS

How can I get passion fruit seedlings from Nandi County?

For grafted purple passion fruits in Nandi, and also Kericho County, please contact Vincent Yebei on 0721600624 or 0735646620

Duncan Cheruiyot, Department of Crops, Horticulture and Soils, Egerton University
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I WANT TO SET UP A FISH POND

Please advise on who can help me set up a fish pond in Ongata Rongai, Nairobi, the best breed of fish for that area and the contacts of a fish exporter.

Farmer

For specific information, you have to contact the county fisheries office. However, generally, different fish species survive in varied conditions depending on water

temperatures, dissolved minerals and tur-



bidity and the rate of fresh water flow. Soil type determines the fish pond construction technologies to be used. For instance, highly porous soil type will require use of a plastic lining material to avoid excessive seepage, which may not be necessary in non-porous soil types. The fish species to keep will also determine the pond type to construct. Species like cat fish, tilapia and common carps that can withstand average water temperatures, low oxygen levels, dissolved minerals and turbidity may be raised in earthen ponds with a relatively low water inlet and outlet. On the other

hand, salmon, which are sensitive to water temperatures, dissolved oxygen and turbidity should be reared in the highlands where temperatures are cool.

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KENBRO CHICKS

Which is the nearest station in Bungoma County where I can get Kenbro chicks? Secondly, what size of a house can accommodate about 100 birds?

Farmer

Kindly inquire from agrovets or extension officers who will help you get information on distributors of day-old chicks. However, considering that the space requirement of each mature chicken is an average of four birds per square metre, 100 birds will require a poultry house of about 25 square metres. This implies that a house of a length of about 6m and width of 5m will be sufficient. I have added about five square metres to factor for laying nest, perches, drinkers and feeders.

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ASK THE EXPERTS



Prof Bebe



Prof Kimurto

Do you have any question or enquiry on agribusiness, marketing, logistics, processing, innovation, and technology? Our pool of experts from Egerton University will respond to your questions with proper advice. Please send your questions to: satnation@ke.nationmedia.com. Read us online at nation.co.ke/seeds_of_gold

WHERE TO BUY THE TOGGENBURG GOAT

I live in Nakuru North, and I would like to rear Toggenburg goats. Please advise on where I can get them and if they can do well in my area.

Farmer

Under good management, the dairy goats can produce between four to six litres of milk per day. Common sources of the animals are Dairy Goat Association of Kenya for the Alpine breed, Meru Goats Breeders Association for Toggenburg and Nyanza Dairy Goat Farmers Association for Saanen breed. Alternatively, you can source goats from individual farmers. However, if you go that route, request for registration details to know the genetic status of the goat. Health details are also important and an honest farmer will provide you with the records. Involve an animal health professional for health and other preliminary check-up before purchase.

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HOW TO GET MORE MILK FROM YOUR COWS

I have a small zero-grazing farm in Machakos, where I keep four dairy cows (Friesian) of which two have calved once. My plan is to breed my own calves through crossbreeding. Two of those that have calved were served again last month. Kindly educate me on:

1. The two (which are still being milked) seem to have reduced production from 10 to 12 litres a day to almost six litres. What could be the problem?
2. Any good breed that you can recommend with good milk production, 40 litres and above.
3. When is the best age to serve a heifer?
4. Any recommended breed or semen for virgin heifers?

Cosmas

There are many reasons why a cow will reduce production. These are poor nutrition, diseases, poor management, stage of breeding and stress. If all things are right and the problem persists, I would recommend you seek advice from a vet, who will visit your farm. However, to achieve your objective, I would recommend the Holstein Friesian breed for high milk production followed by the Ayrshire. The two breeds have proved to be good milk producers. In hardship areas, crosses of the two breeds with the local Sahiwal or improved Boran breeds may be an option. The direction and level of crossbreeding is also important for maximum benefit. The best age to serve heifers is at their maturity, 15 months. One should consider the age and weight for better results. Holstein Friesians and Ayrshire should at least be weighing 290kg while, Jerseys and Guernsey 270kg. On good management, farmers are able to serve their heifers as early 12 months. My recommendation is you serve them from 15 months if they have attained the breeding weight.

Musyoka Duncan Mbai, Animal Science Department, Egerton University

up a fish pond



Gladys Wangui sells fruits in Chaka market, Kieni. There is huge supply of fruits in the market from Kirinyaga and Embu counties. JOSEPH KANYI | NATION

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER FOR SMALL FARMER

Kindly give me Charles Kinyanjui's contacts. I would like to get information about summer flower farming.

Ndirangu, Kikuyu

Kindly provide me with the contacts of Charles Kinyanjui, the Ammi farmer.

Rahab

EDITOR: Please reach Kinyanjui on 0726946202.

GREENHOUSES

This is Ken from Thika and I am interested in greenhouses. I need the contact of John Maingi.

Kenneth Ngugi Wanjiru

My name is Samuel Wachira from Mukurwe-ini. I would like to contact John Maingi.

Samuel Wachira

EDITOR: Maingi is available on 0723348761.



HEALTHY TOMATOES

Please give me the contacts of Joseph Wambugu of Nyeri, who was pictured with the healthy tomatoes, or do you know the type of seeds that were grown?

Farmer

EDITOR: Please contact Murungi Muthamia on 0739596653 or talk to Raphael Kimani, who also keeps the birds, on 0728549677.

HEIFER FARM

I would like to contact Yebai of the 'My Ayrshire heifers bring more than milk each year' story.

Ezra Terer

EDITOR: Please reach Yebai on 0726728976.

MANURE EARNS MORE CASH

Please pass me Lydia Thumari's contact, the chicken farmer.

EDITOR: Lydia is available on 0724835811.

BEEHIVE CARPENTER

Kindly pass me Justus Kiema's

number. You featured him on August 9.

Rose Wambua

EDITOR: Kiema is available on 0722443312.

VEGETABLE FARMER

I am Wilfred from Thika. I would like to request Susan Chesyna's number. I am really interested in growing vegetables and her story motivated me.

EDITOR: Susan can be reached on 0736177161.

EXPORT MARKET

I need the contacts of Mully Children's farm in Yatta. I would wish to visit him.

EDITOR: Please contact Masinde Kusimba for direction on 0720379207.



I MAKE MY OWN FISH FEEDS

My name is Ernest Munyi, an aspiring fish farmer from Embu County. I have five fish ponds, and I was inspired by Momanyi's story. Give me his contacts.

Ernest

Please send Momanyi's mobile number or location where I can go and buy the fish pellets. I reside in Ruai.

John Chege

EDITOR: Please talk to Momanyi on 0722777498.

YIELDS» THE BIRDS ARE GOOD FOR BOTH MEAT AND EGGS



Mohamed Hamis with Maran chicken in Ukunda, Kwale. GEORGE KIKAMI | NATION

Pretty chicken whose eggs fetch more

Serama, Marans and silk breeds have made Khamis stand out in the industry where many keep chicken

BY BOZO JENJE

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Its beautiful crest, fluffy feathers, blue earlobes and five toes on each foot make the tiny bird that resembles a peacock stand out.

One may confuse it for a wild bird, but it is the silky hen, a unique chicken breed at the farm in Ukunda, Kwale.

It is among the colourful chicken breeds that farmer Mohammed Khamis keeps.

Others are the Serama, Appenzeller Spitzhauben, a Switzerland breed, Astrolopes, Marans and Araucana, a tail-less bird that lays eggs which have different colours that include blue, brown, green, pink and white.

Change in weather

"I am keeping the new breeds together with local ones. My brother, who is in Germany, brought for me the eggs. They were 200, but only 30 hatched because of the change in weather and movement from there."

Khamis displayed and marketed the birds last week at the Mombasa International Agricultural Show.

"The birds require great care especially in the first months because they are delicate. They are good for ornamental purposes, meat and eggs."

Khamis has been keeping poultry since 2012, and it is only recently that he ventured into the new breeds.

"I took a loan of Sh750,000 in 2012 to construct several



THE BIRDS REQUIRE GREAT CARE ESPECIALLY IN THE FIRST MONTHS BECAUSE THEY ARE DELICATE"

Khamis

cages at my farm and bought an incubator for production of chicks. I went into the new breeds to avoid competition."

The farmer says he plans to sell fertilised eggs from the new chicken from December at between Sh200 and Sh400, depending on the breeds.

"When we go commercial, we will sell one-day old chicks at between Sh350 to Sh500," says the 30-year-old, adding, he has only sold two birds to a friend who insisted.

He notes he will sell the Serama at Sh8,000 each and for Silky chicken, the male will go for Sh6,000 and female

Sh8,000. Appenzeller and Marans will be sold at Sh6,000 each. "I have the market because people have already booked the birds, which are now four months. However, I am currently getting money from the other chicken that include Kienyeji and Kuchi. I also keep guinea fowls and rabbits. I sell the chicken at between Sh500 and Sh800 and an egg at Sh11."

The new breeds have generated great interest. The birds, according to Khamis, feed like the local breeds.

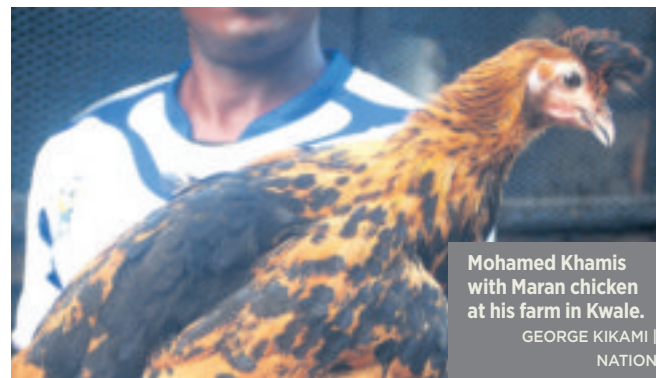
"I use incubators to hatch their eggs, which take 21 days, just like the other chicken. The only problem is that they are prone to New Castle Disease."

Another challenge he faces is that for some of the breeds, he only has male or female birds.

"I have to wait for my brother to come with more eggs and see if we can get the birds for breeding."

Kilifi County Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries officer Baha Nguma says the need to carve one's own niche is what makes many farmers embrace breeds like Serama.

"Farmers have to create a market for themselves if they are to benefit from their businesses. Everyone is now keeping the local breeds of poultry, thus, anyone who does something different stands out."



Mohamed Khamis with Maran chicken at his farm in Kwale. GEORGE KIKAMI | NATION

APPRECIATION

My name is Eugene. Your articles on farming are great and informative.

Eugene

Editor: Thank you for your support. Keep reading.

ORNAMENTAL BIRDS

I need the contacts of a farmer

value addition

CONTAMINATION» YOU MUST DRY YOUR GROUNDNUTS WELL TO AVOID AFLATOXIN, WHICH IS POISONOUS

Hey, don't sell raw groundnuts to earn peanuts, make butter

Two kilos of groundnuts make up to five 250g tins of peanut butter, which Rachel sells at Sh250 each

BY EVERLINE OKEWO
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Rachel Ojweke dips her hand in the 90kg bag in her home in Homa Bay, and picks a pod of groundnuts.

She splits it, then holds the three pieces of groundnuts in her hand as she checks if they are completely dry.

The farmer grows groundnuts and processes from them flour and peanut butter that she sells to residents.

"Two weeks ago, I harvested 50 bags from my three-acre farm. I will make peanut butter, which is in high demand."

The 37-year-old says groundnuts are the easiest crops to grow since she does not use fertiliser. Besides that, they can be intercropped with bananas, maize and other cereal crops such as sorghum and millet. They take about five months to mature.

"I planted late March. Already, 20 bags have been booked by clients from Migori and Kisumu. I

plan to sell the others for Sh3,600 each and make peanut butter."

Besides making butter, she also grinds fried groundnuts to make flour that is used to season traditional vegetables.

To make peanut butter, she starts by sorting out the groundnuts. This is done to get rid of any foreign bodies and nuts that have mould, thus contain aflatoxins.

"The grains are, thereafter, thoroughly roasted to get rid of excess moisture, thus increase the shelf-life of the product. The roasted nuts are then allowed to cool for 10 minutes and then the outer cover is removed through a process known as blanching."

She then splits the nuts into two. This is followed by grinding using a machine until they soften and then packed in a tin for consumption.

A milling machine retails at between Sh50,000 and Sh100,000. Rachel prefers hiring the machine because of the expenses incurred for maintenance.

She hires the machine at Sh2,500 per day, which she uses for one week to make the but-



Rachel Ojweke with her harvest and products in her farm in Homa Bay County.

JACOB OWITI | NATION

WHEN PREPARED USING THE RIGHT PROCEDURES, GROUNDNUTS CAN STAY FOR UP TO TWO YEARS WITHOUT GOING BAD"

Kirdi researcher John Achacha

ter. In a week, she can package between 30 and 50 250-gramme tins of the butter. A 2kg tin of groundnuts makes up to five 250g tins. The price of the products ranges between Sh50 and Sh250, depending on the sizes.

"Though the shelf-life of home-made peanut butter is shorter, many people still prefer it since it is free of preservatives," she says.

The shelf-life of homemade butter lengthens when no additive, including water is added.

"I have been doing this business for close to two years now. I intercrop groundnuts with maize," Rachel, who also farms beans and avocado and keeps dairy cows, tells *Seeds of Gold*.

However, one of the challenges she faces is that prices of groundnuts sometimes drop to low levels due to oversupply.

"The prices can go down so that a 2kg tin goes for Sh120, instead of the expected Sh300."

She learned the value addition skills at a workshop organised by Kenya Industrial and Research Institute (Kirdi) in Kisumu two years ago.

Kirdi Kisumu researcher John Achacha says groundnuts are rich in macro and micro nutrients. Macro nutrients, include proteins and fats, while micro nutrients consist of vitamins and fibre.

Achacha notes that when prepared using the right procedures, groundnuts can stay for up to two years without going bad.

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cooperatives

STRENGTH» FARMERS IN A SACCO GET BETTER PRICES FOR PRODUCE AND CAN EASILY SEEK EXTENSION SERVICES

Every week, members of Mbeere Mwangaza farmers society take turns to grade and pack their grains, which they now sell to retail outlets



Mbeere Mwangaza Farmers Cooperative Society Ltd sort green grams and below, they package them for sale. PAULINE KAIRU | NATION

Brokers cannot get a coin from us, thanks to our sacco

BY PAULINE KAIRU

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Makima, a semi-arid region in Embu, is famous for producing a wide range of cereals. They include green grams, cowpeas, pigeon peas, dolichos beans (*njahi*), millet and sorghum.

Being semi-arid, the road network is not well-developed, thus, farmers faced challenges reaching markets.

Brokers took advantage of the bad roads to venture into villages to buy farmers' produce at throwaway prices.

Not so any more, as farmers in the area have now formed a co-operative society through which they sell their produce.

Value addition

The outfit known as Mbeere Mwangaza Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited comprises 32 paid-up farmers' groups.

"Farmers bring to us their produce and we sell as a group. We even do some value addition so that we can get more money," group secretary and farmer from Muluku Village Phillip Kioko says.

Seeds of Gold finds the society's members packaging green grams at their offices in Makima.

"We normally sieve, sort and grade the cereals. We used to sell green grams between Sh50 and Sh60 a kilo, but now after packaging, we sell for Sh100 to Sh120," Kioko says.

Their produce is found in supermarkets across the country, but mainly in Nyeri and Embu.



CHALLENGES THE GROUPS FACE

- Running a cooperative is not an easy task because of the huge numbers
- Some farmers demand money immediately they deliver their produce, which is against the rules
- Farmers should watch out for pilfering of organisations' resources by incompetent managers.
- Mistrust often arises.

BROKERS USED TO COME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL TERM WHEN FARMERS NEED MONEY FOR FEES. THEY WOULD THEN BUY CROP THAT WAS STILL IN THE FARM Margaret Muunde

Thanks to the cooperative, the price of cowpeas and pigeon peas that ranged between Sh20 and Sh30 a kilo have shot up to the Sh80 and Sh100 bracket.

Brokers previously bought a kilo of dolichos beans from Sh15 to Sh35; this has now ranges between Sh100 and Sh120.

Millet prices have shot up from the Sh5 and Sh7 range to Sh25, while sorghum, which often went to waste as middlemen claimed there was no market for it, is now sold to East African Breweries Ltd for Sh80 to Sh100 a kilo.

Mwangaza collects a tonne of green grams and 2.5 tonnes of sorghum per harvest from

farmers. "We use donkey carts to fetch the harvest from farmers to various collection points because we cover a large area," Nungamboo Village farmer Nichodemus Wambua says.

"The harvest is later delivered to the cooperative premises. Before we collect the produce, we ask farmers to prepare it at their homes by removing dirt or threshing."

Supermarket orders

However, Alice Moraa, a member of the cooperative, says they further sort the produce for supermarket orders.

"We are yet to buy a packaging machine since we are still in the nascent stage. We established the cooperative in 2012. For now, we

do everything manually. Even the sealing, we do with candles, but we have plans to buy the machine once we are more stable."

Society chairperson Margaret Muunde says they are paid in cash or by cheque upon delivery.

The farmer is then paid 80 per cent of the money from his produce while the rest is retained in the society as shares and for administrative costs.

"Brokers used to come at the beginning of the school term when farmers were broke and need money for fees. They would then offer money for the crop that is still in the garden. That entrapped farmers."

Co-op members take turns to package produce at their offices for a token Sh200.

To start the cooperative, Muunde recounts that it was unanimous they needed to safeguard their yields.

"We mobilised farmers and told them about the importance of the group. A few of us had already been taken through a training by ActionAid Australia. Each group was to have at least 10 members."

The group agreed on the objectives of the cooperative as well as share contributions. Thereafter they approached the Embu District Cooperatives Officer.

"We wrote a letter to the officer expressing our desire, attached minutes, the proposed name, the constitution, copies of members identity cards, a letter from the chief and paid an application fee of Sh3,700," Muunde says, adding that they also did a search to ensure there was no other cooperative using their name.

Regular training

It took about two months to get the approval and certificate of registration, which came in April last year, after which they convened the annual general meeting.

They pay Sh3,000 a year to Kenya National Federation of Cooperatives as membership fees.

It is not just the brokers the cooperative is now able to deal with. "Agricultural extension officers used to be another menace, but with the cooperative registered, we have been empowered through regular training to demand services from them. Now we partner with them to solve the problems of farmers."

Kioko says they are in the final stages of contracting an agrovet, who will supply them with farm inputs and get post-harvest payments.

The cooperative has enlisted more than 330 members so far on a voluntary and open membership basis.

Table banking scheme

"Each member pays Sh200 registration fee and must, thereafter, buy at least one share at Sh1,200. Application forms are sold at Sh20. It is from this money that the cooperative runs a table banking scheme where members borrow money at an interest rate of 10 per cent."

To join the society, one must be nominated by an existing member.

"This helps in weeding out non-serious members. Most cooperatives collapse because of mistrust and we don't want to go that route."

Fredrick Wanyama, the Dean, School of Development and Strategic Studies, Maseno University, says cooperatives that are initiated on common bond and mutual trust benefit members because there is unity of purpose.

"Cooperatives are advantageous as they draw from the strength of numbers. They act as mouthpieces for their members thereby safeguarding their interests," Wanyama, who has done extensive studies on cooperatives in Kenya, says.

He notes that cooperatives are crucial in offering farmers better prices and adding value to their produce.

MORE CASH» FARMERS ARE ADVISED TO PASTEURISE THEIR MILK FIRST BEFORE THEY SELL FOR HIGHER PRICES

My milk ATMs offer farmers better deal

From Gitonga's dispensers, consumers can buy milk from as low as Sh5, making it affordable as he offers farmers a good market for their produce

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My friends usually tell me that besides banks, I am the only other person in the country who has Automated Teller Machines (ATM).

Well, that is true, but mine are not ATMs in the original meaning of the word, because they do not dispense money. My machines dispense milk. I prefer to call them milk dispensers.

I run over 20 machines, through my company Farming Solutions, in different supermarkets in Nairobi, Kiambu, Eldoret, Bungoma, Busia and Machakos. The supermarkets include Nivas, Uchumi, Saltes, Eastmatt and Mulleys.

The machines have an in-built cooler and use electricity to store and dispense milk. It works like an ATM machine where consumers can key in the amount of milk they want and pay.

Quality milk

Consumers come with their clear bottles or can purchase them from supermarkets. Many supermarkets, milk bars and businesspeople have adopted this mode of distribution as it is considered hygienic and there is no wastage.

In addition, milk dispensed from these ATMs is cheaper compared to that packaged in 500ml packets.

My main source of pasteurised milk is Kinangop Dairy, a farmers' cooperative based in the town. They get the milk from farmers, pasteurise and then sell to me.

I go to collect the milk from the dairy, and another major farmer in Kahawa Sukari, Nairobi.

Many firms buy a litre of milk at Sh30, but I buy the pasteurised milk at Sh55 per litre. The milk dispensers are changing the supply and distribution of milk as consumers can get quality milk for as low as Sh5 for 77ml.

Farmers who want to supply their milk to me or to other dis-



Geoffrey Gitonga (left) with a vendor at EastMatt Supermarket in Nairobi, where he sells milk.
EVANS HABIL | NATION

MY GREATEST CHALLENGE IS TO FIND ENOUGH PASTEURISED MILK BECAUSE MOST FARMERS OFFER RAW MILK, WHICH IS AGAINST THE KENYA DAIRY BOARD REGULATIONS"

Milk trader Gitonga

pensers must have a small plant where they first pasteurise it.

If they cannot afford a processing plant individually, they can get into groups or co-operatives to share the cost of processing the milk. Pasteurised milk is more marketable than raw.

Milk is very delicate, so it must be handled with a lot of care. That is why before we buy the milk, it has to go through tests to determine its density and acidity.

There is good business in milk because it is widely consumed. I sell my milk at Sh65 a litre, which means I get a profit of Sh10 for every litre.

I sell about 500 litres of milk per dispenser every day, which translates to a profit of Sh5,000 per dispenser.

I went into milk selling business sometime in 2011. Before then, I was running an agrovet business in Eldoret until 2007 when I relocated to Nairobi due to the post-election violence.

I had also worked for an agricultural company soon after completing my Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Egerton University.

Upon landing in Nairobi, I realised something interesting. There was a lot of demand for quality and affordable milk, yet it was only sold in packets.

I saw the gap and decided to fill it with my machines.

My initial investment was Sh2 million, which was from my savings and a loan. I used it all to import my first milk dispenser from Italy, which I installed at a milk bar I owned in Nairobi's Nyayo Embakasi estate.

The response was overwhelming, to say the least. To get into supermarkets, I drafted a proposal and took it to Uchumu Supermarket. They liked my idea and we got into a partnership. I

installed my milk dispenser and we agreed on a commission in late 2011.

Uchumi was my first big selling point, the other supermarkets came later.

I also import and sell the milk dispensing machines to individuals and supermarkets.

The smallest milk dispenser, with a capacity of 200 litres goes for Sh650,000, and largest with a capacity of 1,200 litres goes for Sh1.5 million.

The importation business seems rosy but it is not because one pays huge taxes.

The Kenya Revenue Authority doesn't consider dispensers dairy equipment to attract minimal tax, hence, importing the ATMs attracts all manner of duties.

To save on cost of importation, I have resorted to importing the dispensers in parts, and then I assemble them locally.

Higher price

Through my company, I have employed 20 people, among them technicians who install the machines, milk vendors and those who ferry the milk to various dispensers countrywide.

I am happy that I am now able to assist dairy farmers get the most out of their produce by purchasing milk at higher prices.

At 42, I am living my dream. Growing up on my parent's farm in Lanet, Nakuru, I was fascinated by farming. This is where I believe my interest in agribusiness started. I am not doing actual farming, but I am in the value chain, offering farmers better prices.

My greatest challenge is to find enough pasteurised milk because most farmers offer raw milk, which is against the Kenya Dairy Board regulations.

Farmers should add value to their produce by pasteurising

55

The price per litre the trader buys pasteurised milk from farmers before selling it at Sh65

500

The litres of milk Gitonga sells in a day in each of his over 20 machines located in different supermarkets across the country



Customers buy milk from a dispenser in Eldoret. FILE | NATION

to reap maximum profits from their milk. It may be expensive at the beginning, but it pays to add value.

However, I must acknowledge that pasteurisation is an expensive process, especially for farmers. In Bungoma and Eldoret for example, there is only one milk processor in each of the regions, which gives us challenges because we cannot get pasteurised milk. That is why we are asking farmers to form cooperatives.

My next business is to invest in machines that dispense yoghurt, fermented milk and liquid cooking oil.

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animal welfare

BEST RESULTS» COWS SHOULD BE SERVED FEW HOURS AFTER GOING ON HEAT



A worker feeds Fleckvieh breed cows at a farm in Karen.

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Here's how to catch veterinary quacks risking your animal's life

The livestock sector faces many challenges that have stifled its performance. A major problem is the proliferation of unqualified veterinary officers. Dr Odhiambo Godia, the Kenya Veterinary Board CEO, spoke to Vincent Achuka about the issue.

Veterinary services remain out of reach of many farmers, especially in rural areas. What is the problem?

The officers certainly are not enough, but the challenge right now is not the numbers, but the distribution. Most of the vets are concentrated in areas where there is vibrant dairy farming. On the contrary, in pastoralist areas, the numbers are very low because of the perception that their animals are hardy.

Veterinary services are now devolved, thus county governments must ensure they have enough officers. Our estimation is that every year, 1,000 students graduate in different veterinary fields. This means there is enough manpower. We have proposed to the county governments to offer the students internship once they graduate, the way it happens in medicine.

It has become difficult for farmers to differentiate between quacks and qualified veterinary officers. How can they overcome the challenge?

Currently, we have 6,534 registered professionals in four different categories namely veterinary surgeon (degree holder) and veterinary technicians with degrees, diplomas and certificates. All those who have registered with us must have our identification cards. Farmers must

ask anyone who claims to be a veterinary officer to show them the cards. This applies even to people who perform artificial insemination.

Some cows do not calve even after being served several times. Farmers are blaming this on quacks.

It all depends on the time it is served, which should not be later than 18 hours after it goes on heat. After this, the chances are very low. The cow can also have ovarian cysts, but a professional inseminator should be able to identify this and tell the farmer.

After insemination, farmers should insist on retaining the straw until the cow calves. The straw has details about the semen that has been used and its origin. This

will provide proof in case they have been duped. Most importantly, the cow should not be served by the same person twice and it does not get pregnant without a reason being given. If this happens, the farmer should seek redress through us.

You published recently names of academic institutions that are allowed to offer veterinary courses. Does it mean the profession is infiltrated by quacks and how is that affecting the industry?

In 1990s when the World Bank introduced Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs) to turn around the economy, the government lost control of a number of sectors. Veterinary was one of them.

Before that, all the professionals in the sector were employed and trained by the government, but after SAPs, this went to the private sector, giving room for quacks. Most farmers are now having

a problem differentiating between a professional and a quack because everyone who knows a thing or two about animal health calls himself a veterinary doctor, which is dangerous for farmers.

So what are you doing about that?

Our officers have engaged the unaccredited institutions since June last year to apply for inspection as required by the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act. They have until December to do so, but the law is clear that if the institution is not accredited, we can't register their graduates to practice.

We are also cracking down on the quacks. On Monday, a man who was masquerading as a veterinary doctor was charged in a Mombasa court.

The government was involved in offering extension, insemination and cattle dip services until 1990s. Shall this ever happen again?

The cattle dips were handed over to the communities. If they are not working, the communities should seek technical assistance from the county officials. These services are now under county governments.

There is rise in imported semen. Does this mean semen from local breeders is of poor quality?

Not really. Kenyans have a notion that anything coming from abroad is superior. This has led to farmers being duped. The government has in its bank enough semen that is as superior as that which is imported.

No kidding: Lecturer finds great wealth in goat-breeding

At first Dr Chelanga kept goats for milk, but he has switched to rearing kids for sale at Sh18,000

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Inside Dr James Chelanga's four-acre farm in Kesses, Eldoret, brown goats graze leisurely while others are caged in wooden pens.

The senior lecturer in the Department of Arts at the Moi University is among few farmers keeping goats in the area.

Dr Chelanga has partitioned the goat sheds into several small cubicles, where the animals in groups of three spend the night, the day and feed.

The barn cost him Sh100,000 to erect. The floor is made of wood, but has spaces where the droppings pass to the ground, where they are collected for manure.

"It's important to build a raised structure (a metre high) to protect goats from contracting diseases like foot rot," he says, adding, the animals need a very clean environment.

Away from the cowshed, Dr Chelanga grows calliandra to feed the goats. He has also planted napier grass, avocado and mango trees, whose leaves he prunes to feed the dairy goats.

He sells manure to crop farmers at a fee of Sh200 per 90kg bag.

Dr Chelanga started keeping livestock in 2010 while living in the university premises. He reared 10 dairy cows, but he encountered numerous challenges, including inadequate

space to accommodate the animals.

The quest for space made him to relocate to Kesses, where he joined hands with 26 professional colleagues to form Kesses Goats Breeders.

Eight of the members managed to raise Sh114,000, which they used to buy goats.

"We bought two pairs (does and bucks) of white Saanen goats from a farm in Rongo."

Later, they added 10 Alpine goats to the herd from a farmer in Murang'a. They later shared the goats.

However, while his colleagues went for milk production, Chelanga ventured into breeding.

"Since I had struggled to get the breeds, I decided to fill the gap in the market," says the 54-year-old, who keeps up to 30 goats at any one time, and gets five litres of milk from two that he rears for his family's needs.

Traditional serving

He sells the goats at between five and 13 months for an average of Sh18,000 each. Mature goats go for Sh30,000.

"Most of farmers who buy my goats are from Uasin Gishu County, but the market is huge because few people keep goats," says the lecturer, who uses the traditional serving method to breed the goats for lack of artificial insemination services.

He bought a pure Alpine pedigree buck, which he uses to serve the goats.

Dr Chelanga keeps Alpine goats mainly, but he also has Saanen and Toggenberg.

"They eat less food than what a dairy cow consumes. But the challenge is the changing weather pattern. I lost two goats recently to pneumonia, which is why it is always advisable to keep goats warm."

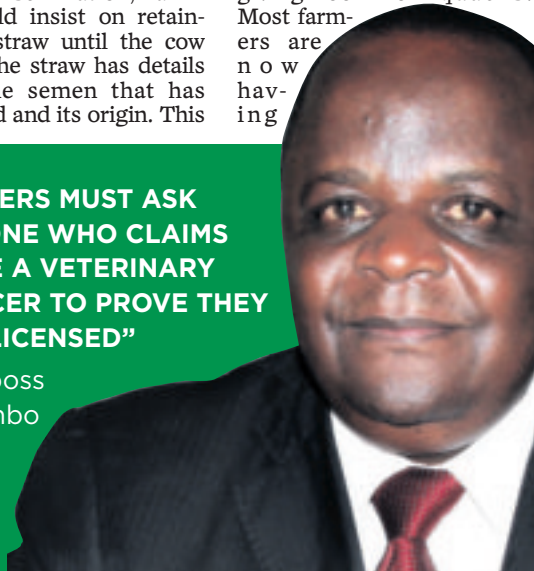


Dr James Chelanga attends to his goats in Kesses, Eldoret.

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KVB boss
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rabbits

BROOD» ONE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 30 RABBITS FOR SOME OF THE ORGANISATIONS TO COLLECT THEM FROM THE FARM



Joseph Ngure feeds his rabbits at his farm in Molo. FILE | NATION

The four key markets for your rabbits

Farmers must keep specific breeds of rabbits preferred by different organisations and sell to them for an average of Sh400 a kilo

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Many times when an agribusiness idea is labelled a money spinner, people venture into it without considering the dynamics involved, particularly where to sell their products.

It happened with quails, where hundreds of people turned to keeping the birds, and soon the market was saturated with quail eggs, whose price dropped from Sh100 each to Sh10.

Currently, hundreds of people are keeping rabbits, and others are considering to join the trade because they have heard the animals fetch good returns.

Well, for rabbit farmers and those aspiring to join the trade, the market is huge.

Florence Ndambi of Rabbit Republic says they buy the animals and supply to hotels in Nairobi.

"We deal with over 500 farmers. We sell to them our hybrid rabbits and train them on the best feeds and hygiene procedures. We then buy their bunnies."

They weigh, inspect and buy

the live animals at Sh400 per kilo. The farmer is later paid in 14 days.

Florence says they are wary of buying rabbit from farmers whom they have not trained.

"While we do not guarantee market from such farmers, we pay Sh250 to Sh300 per kilogramme."

Rabbit Republic, which is based in Hurlingham, Nairobi works with farmers in the city and Mombasa. They pick the rabbits from farmers.

"We come for a minimum of 30 rabbits in Nairobi but those outside Nairobi should be selling at least 50 rabbits."

Rabbit Republic trains, sells and buys live animals. However, Florence says they also buy rabbit skin and fur for making bags and shoes, although this is on small-scale.

Popularity growing

Rabbit Breeders Association of Kenya (Rabak) is another organisation that offers market. Peter Waiganjo of Rabak says the organisation liaises with the Ministry of Livestock in Thika to buy and slaughter the animals.

"We slaughter every Wednesday morning. The exercise ends at 11am. We buy the rabbits at Sh360 per kilogramme. Payment is made in the afternoon."

He adds: "Once the rabbit is slaughtered and skinned, it is inspected by a health official before it is packaged and sold to

20

The number of rabbits one must have to supply urine for making fertiliser.

WE INSIST ON TRAINING FARMERS, AND THEN WE SELL THEM A STOCK OF EIGHT RABBITS, OF WHICH SIX ARE FEMALE AND THEY HAVE BEEN SERVED" George Kibanya

Uchumi supermarkets."

They slaughter about 500 rabbits every Wednesday, but this does not match demand in the market.

"Rabbit meat is not yet very popular in the country but the demand is high. We do not have enough to supply to our market. We welcome more farmers to sell to us their rabbits," he notes.

Rabak, which deals in a variety of rabbit breeds that include Ear Lope or French Lope, New Zealand White, California White,

Dutch, Chinchilla, Flemish Giant and Angora does not buy fur and skin. After slaughtering, Waiganjo says they give the products back to farmers. Those who do not need the skin leave them at the abattoir, where they are disposed.

Rabak's headquarters is housed in Thika West District Livestock Production Office. It serves farmers from Nairobi and Thika.

"Farmers who want to bring their rabbits to Thika must organise for their transport to the slaughterhouse. But we intend to expand to other counties so that we can reach more farmers."

They also offer training on all aspects of rabbit farming that include production, how to set up a rabbit farm, cage construction, farming levels, market and diseases once every month at Sh1,500 per session.

Alcare Group is another organisation that buys rabbits. George Kibanya, the owner of the firm, says the company works with rabbit owners in 24 counties, out of the 47. These are Kiambu, Kajiado, Migori, Bomet, Machakos, Vihiga, Nakuru, Murang'a, Nyamira, Kakamega, Nyandarua, Uasin Gishu, Kitui, Bugoma, Trans Nzoia, Isiolo, Kericho, Nyeri, Taita Taveta, Malindi, Mombasa and Kilifi.

"We are working with about 1,000 rabbit farmers. Currently, we have about 800 farmers. We are open to about 200 more."

Alcare, which deals mainly in

Canadian Dorwan Giant Rabbits, slaughters about 3,000 animals in a month and exports to Canada.

"We insist on training the farmers, and then we sell them a stock of eight rabbits, of which six are female and they have been served (inseminated). In about four months, each of the female rabbits will produce about eight bunnies. We buy them at Sh500 per kilogramme."

He adds: "This is contractual farming and we work with farmers who we know the type of feeds they are giving to the rabbits we buy. However, we still work with independent farmers who have rabbits not bought from us. However, we pay about Sh350 to Sh450 per kilogramme for their stock, depending on the type."

Kenya Com Rabbit Consortium Ltd is an organisation that offers farmers market for rabbits' by-products, mainly urine, which they use to make fertiliser. To start selling urine to the organisation, one needs at least 20 rabbits. The company buys a litre of urine at Sh100.

"We use it to make fertiliser, which is a mixture of the rabbit urine and compost manure made from cow dung, wood ash, and foliage from plants. The mixture is put in a special digester and what comes out is an organic fertiliser called Rabbit Urine Extra," said Robinson Runyenje, the director of KCRC in a recent interview.

What you must do to protect your potatoes from bacterial wilt

A DISEASE that scientists have described as bacterial wilt is ravaging Irish potatoes in different parts of the country. The disease has made some farmers to abandon the crop for carrots, peas and cabbages, which cannot be attacked by the wilt.

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (Kephis) describes the bacterial wilt as endemic.

According to Kephis, the source of the disease may be uncertified seeds, which

make it spread faster unlike when the disease is in the soil.

Other sources of the disease have been said to be decomposed farmyard manure.

Farmers are advised to buy seeds from certified stockists.

"Every farmer using organic manure should make sure it is fully decomposed. Partially decomposed manure harbours pests," says Njoroge Wachira, a crop scientist in Nakuru.

He also stated that infected plants should be uprooted along with tubers

and disposed in a more than two-foot deep pit.

Studies have recommended the use of virgin or fallow fields as best options in curbing the spread of the bacterial wilt.

Fields which have been used to grow leguminous plants such as beans and wheat and maize are also viable options as they are not 'pathogen friendly'.

Farmers also ought to consider crop rotation.

Additionally, water used for irrigation must not have run through a field that

had plants that were infected.

Wachira told *Seeds of Gold* that the disease comes from tubers that may have been infected by the time they were being planted.

It is estimated that potatoes are grown by nearly a million farmers on 160,000 hectares in the country. The losses thus runs into millions of shillings.

Njoroge Nderitu, a farmer from Mau Narok, told *Seeds of Gold*: "I have lost Sh200,000 that I had invested on my two hectare piece of land."

Njoroge said that he only harvested 48 bags of potatoes instead of the expected 500bags, a quantity that will fetch him a meagre Sh60,000.

According to Nakuru Agricultural Development Corporation regional manager Paul Njuguna, a hectare of land in Kenya produces at least seven tonnes of potatoes. Several counties, particularly in central and Rift Valley, have invested in potato farming.

— Francis Mureithi

TIDY SUM >> FARMERS SELL COCOON FOR SH2,700 PER KILOGRAMME

Why I will not give up my silkworms for any cash crop



Cocoon from silk worm is spinned into clothes at the National Sericulture Station in Thika. COURTESY | NATION



As many farmers in her village plant maize and beans, Emily rears silkworms and she has no regrets

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At a distance, they look like tiny strips of white thread. But up close, you see some forward movement as the silkworms measuring about 35cm nibble at green leaves.

Emily Sikuku, a silkworm farmer in Kabondo, Homa Bay County, has watched the worms feed countless times.

And it is from them that she has been getting her bread and butter for the past five years as the worms give rise to cocoons, which she sells. The cocoon is later turned into beautiful garments.

A training organised by the Ministry of Agriculture through the National Sericulture Station (NSS) based in Thika introduced Emily into the farming in 2009.

"Cocoons are in high demand. I buy 200,000 silk worm eggs for Sh500 from NSS and mulberry leaves (feeds) and rear the worms to get the cocoon. I sell between 5 to 6kg of cocoons each day. A kilo goes at Sh600."

Like other insects, the worms go through a life cycle to produce silk. It starts with the farmer buying eggs and keeping them in a nursery.

Emily has constructed beds for the worms from wood.

Once the eggs develop into larvae, she moves the mature silkworms to beds that look like egg trays. Here, she lets them eat large amounts of mulberry leaves for 20 to 30 days.

The larvae slowly turns into cocoon. The cocoon is produced to protect the silkworm.

It takes three days before it morphs into a chrysalis (a moth

before it turns into an adult).

"Cocoons are egg-shaped and act like a shield for the growing worms," she explains.

They are processed into silk yarn and floss that are used in manufacturing clothes.

Anne Igecha, a sericulture expert at NSS, says silkworm farming is a good business but it is not popular due to lack of knowledge.

"It can create job opportunities because clothes made from silk are popular abroad. Raw silk can also be exported."

Anne adds: "If you have mulberry trees, you are close to joining the lucrative trade, which globally is valued at between Sh529 billion and Sh705 billion."

Emily displayed her work recently at the Kenya High-Tech Silk Workshop at the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute.

"You do not need to grow mulberry trees to keep silkworms. I buy 2kg mulberry leaves for Sh200," she says, adding, "We buy the rearing



Silk worms feed on mulberry leaves. COURTESY | NATION

equipment from NSS. The station, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) and weavers buy the cocoon from us."

Cocoons grown in Kenya are mostly white. However, one can dye to get a variety of colours.

Kenya has an ideal climate for silkworm farming and mulberry cultivation, says Anne.

"Care should be taken during the rainy season because the worms do well in temperatures of between 23 and 28 degrees Celsius. Farmers are encouraged to farm between January and March and from September to December."

Products made from silk include wedding gowns, scarves, baskets, handbags, tablemats, seat covers and sweaters.

The Ministry of Agriculture established the NSS in 1973. The centre based in Thika trains farmers and extension staff on silk production.

"Farmers need to understand silkworm farming. It is very procedural. If a farmer skips a step, he may not get good silk," notes Emily.

Grace Wainaina, a businesswoman who buys cocoon from farmers for an average of Sh600 per kilogramme and processes into silk sweaters, dresses and scarves, says the business is good.

She sells a silk scarf at Sh9,000. "From the cocoon I buy at Sh600, I make three scarfs or two sweaters that I sell at Sh9,000 each. Tourists like the clothes because I don't blend silk with cotton."

Some of the challenges silk worm farmers and traders face include pests and diseases, lack of technical knowhow and non-compliance of hygiene standards.

— Additional reporting by Eunice Kilonzo.

Crop husbandry

Seven mushroom diseases and how to curb them

Two types of mushrooms are grown in Kenya. These are Button (*Agaricus bisporus*) and Oyster (*Pleurotus ostreatus*). Here are diseases that affect the crops and how to control them.

i) Dry bubble

It is caused by *Verticillium fungicola*. At early stages of infection, brown spots appear on the crop, and thereafter, greyish white mycelium (vegetative part of a fungus comprising of a thread-like hypha) of the pathogen form on the brown spots on the mushroom caps.

Control: Reduction of humidity from 95 per cent to 85 per cent and temperature to 14 degrees Celsius helps curb the disease. Control of the disease also depends on farm hygiene, consisting of quick disposal of spent compost and disinfection of affected bed areas. If soil is used as a casing material, it should be pasteurised at 6 degrees Celsius for half an hour.

ii) Wet bubble

This is caused by *Mycogone perniciosa*, a bacteria. The symptoms are malformed stalk and cap. The surface of diseased mushroom is covered by a white mycelium of the pathogen. The undifferentiated tissues of the cap and stalk become necrotic with a wet soft rot dripping a brown liquid. The name "wet bubble" is derived from the foul-smelling and wet mushroom tissues.

Control: It is necessary to protect the developing mushroom fruiting bodies throughout the period of cropping. It is essential that you give full attention to hygiene such as disinfecting the work area, harvesting tools, removing all spent materials and carrying out after-crop sterilisation using steam at 70 degrees Celsius for 12 hours.

iii) Mildew

This disease is caused by *Cladobotrym* bacteria. The symptoms include a cotton wool type of growth of the pathogen on the mushroom fruiting bodies. The greyish-white mycelium of the pathogen can envelop the mushroom fruiting body completely.

Control: Disinfection of the casing material and strict hygiene can control the disease.

iv) Aphanocladium disease

This is caused by *Aphanocladium album*, a fungus. Infected mushrooms develop brown spots, which under conditions of high relative humidity, show greyish-white mycelium of the pathogen.

Control: Management of the crop environment similar to that of the dry and wet bubble diseases can be effective in controlling the disease.

(v) Brown blotch

The disease is caused by *Pseudomonas tolaasii* bacteria. The symptoms include brown, slightly sunken blotches on the mushroom's fruiting body. It affects only the surface layers of the crop, and in severe cases, brown streaks develop on the stalk. The blotches on the cap can sometimes be yellowish to pale brown.

Control: Since the pathogen can spread by splashing water, the surfaces of mushrooms should remain dry.

vi) Mummy disease

In diseased mushrooms, the stalk is bent and the cap tilted. Often there is a dense growth of mycelium around the base of the stalk on the surface of the casing layer. Infected mushrooms remain intact for a relatively long period after which they are invaded by secondary bacteria. Mushrooms often fail to mature and remain in the "button" stage with unopened veil.

Control: Disinfecting the casing layer also helps to reduce the infection caused by *Pseudomonas spp.*

vii) Drippy gill

It is caused by *Pseudomonas agarici*. The pathogen damages the gill tissues of mature mushroom fruiting bodies. If the infection is severe, bacterial droplets join to form long streaks of slime, which may lead to distortion and collapse of the gills.

Control: Disinfection of casing soil will help control the disease.

Hezekiah Korir, Crops Department, Egerton University

interview

CHANGE OF TACT>> INTERCROPPING AND CROP ROTATION ARE KEY FOR BETTER HARVEST AS THEY HELP CURB PESTS

Why you should grow millet, sorghum



The fourth African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), which ended yesterday in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was the most significant gathering after the Malabo Declaration in June during which African Heads of State committed to doubling food productivity by 2025. Julius Sigei spoke to

Jane Karuku, the President of Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the convenors of AGRF, on the sidelines of the conference.

How important is this forum to the smallholder farmer?

AGRF 2014, which brought together 1,000 leaders from farmers' asso-

ciations, agribusiness companies, research institutions, youth and women groups and African governments, is about exploring ways to boost productivity throughout the value chain. The smallholder farmers, who are the bulk of African farmers, are at the centre of this.

But the 2014 status report, which has just been launched, paints a rather grim picture for farmers. What needs to be done to cushion the smallholder farmer from the stress of global warming and other vagaries of weather?

The report (which warns of reduced land productivity because of rising global warming) is not supposed to be negative. It is a good reality check. We are developing seeds, which are drought-resistant and fast maturing.

Intercropping and other climate-friendly farming practices are key. To further cushion themselves, farmers should diversify into the "forgotten crops" like sorghum, millet and cassava, which can withstand harsher climatic conditions and are fast-maturing.

There has been infiltration of

poor quality seeds and other inputs into the market wreaking suffering on farmers.

First we should have proper regulation, then a strict supervision of implementation. Within AGRA, we have a programme where agro-dealers advise farmers on what seeds are good for their regions. It is all about education and extension.

Re-energised investment in agriculture has seen maize in countries such as Tanzania go to waste, leading to huge losses for the farmers. What are the lessons from the situation?

You know agriculture in Tanzania is driven from the highest level - by the president himself. And they are just starting to see the benefits of using good seeds and having good policies.

What is missing is a good value chain approach. They need to improve their marketing within and

outside Tanzania. They also need to look at the alternative uses of maize. In Kenya, for instance, human consumption of maize competes with livestock feeds. This way, the crop brings much more value. This is a lesson for all our farmers as well.

AGRA recently signed a Risk Sharing Facility Agreement that allows three commercial banks to extend loans to farmers. What has been your experience so far?

When farmers access finance, they are able to get good inputs, improve their productivity and can add value to their produce by processing, transporting to better markets or stocking to wait for higher prices.

The default rate, particularly in Kenya, is low. The one we did with the Government of Kenya and Equity Bank had near zero default rate.

That is why the government has scaled it up to bring in more farmers.

We help farmers' access capital in partnership with the government, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and Agricultural Finance Corporation.

1,000

The number of stakeholders in the farming sector from Africa who gathered in Ethiopia.

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listing

GREEN MARKET : Where buyers and producers meet

BUYERS

CHICKEN: I need broilers, weighing between 1.2 and 1.5kg.
Price: Sh300 per piece.
Contact: 0723681558
Email: petgan9@gmail.com

AVOCADO SEEDLINGS: I want over 50,000 Hass avocado seedlings urgently.
Contact: Kimani, 0720613230
Email: gachuhiwabera@gmail.com

RABBITS: Looking for rabbit rearing farmers, especially from Eldoret who can supply me with the animals on a regular basis.
Contact: Maina, 0725806960.

GOATS: I want to buy Alpine dairy goats.
Contact: Francis Mutunga
Email: francismutunga43@yahoo.com

SELLERS

BEETROOT
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Sh30 per kilo
Location: Njoro, Nakuru
Contact: Kilel, 0723548969

MORINGA SEEDS and RABBITS: As per demand.
Price: Moringa seeds available wholesale and retail at Sh800 and Sh1,000 respectively. Rabbits also available at Sh1,000 and Sh1,500.
Location: Lela, Maseno
Contact: 0712926934/0722369552

KUROILER CHICKS: As per demand.
Price: Three days old at Sh150, three weeks old at Sh220.
Location: Off Jogoo Road, Acacia Arcade, Nairobi County.
Contact: 0720327573

RABBITS: From three months to a year.
Quantity: 26
Contact: 0700447788
Email: mjmaturi@gmail.com

RABBITS: 10
Price: Sh1,000 (mature) and Sh500 (kids).
Location: Ongata Rongai
Contact: 0712829808

SUMMER FLOWER SEEDS: As per demand.
Price: Amie Majus at Sh3,500 per bag, Moby at Sh3,000 and Arabicum bulbs at Sh3,000.
Contact: 0723744986

GUINEA PIGS, FOWLS and TURKEYS
 Also available doves, kienyeji chicks and geese as per demand.
Location: Rarieda, Siaya County
Contact: Habil Odongo Okungu
 0727665108/ 0733225983

PEACHES FRUIT SEEDLINGS: As per demand.
Price: Sh150.
Location: Muranga and Nairobi.
Contact: 0716795253
Email: fruitseedlings@gmail.com

LIVESTOCK SUPPLEMENTS: Liquid organic livestock supplement from Ascophyllum Nodosum Seaweed Extracts with over 60 nutrients, boost health and productivity.
Quantity: Four litres
Location: Nairobi
Contact: John, 0721960949/0734020

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Email: jbweru@gmail.com

PURPLE PASSION SEEDLINGS: As per demand.
Price: Sh20.
Location: Free transport around Murang'a and Thika.
Contact: Henry, 0707548300
Email: henryy26@nokiamail.com

FRESH STRAWBERRY FRUITS: 150 punnets every week.
Price: Sh80 per punnet.
Location: Thika.
Contact: Muthuri, 0721 837 201

GREENHOUSE POLYTHENE AND DRIP LINES: As per demand.
Location: Ruai, Nairobi
Contact: 0703585675/0726946938
Email: wilsonmuthoka2@gmail.com

SEEDLINGS: Eucalyptus hybrid seedlings.
Quantity: 25,000.
Price: Sh24 per seedling
Location: Lamu
Contact: Saumu, 0702668094
Email: tbptlamu@gmail.com

FRIESIAN IN-CALF HEIFERS: 10.
Price: Starting from Sh150,000.
Location: Githunguri, Kiambu County
Contact: 0724216178
Email: jmskageche@gmail.com

PASSION FRUIT SEEDLINGS: Purple.
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Sh20 each.
Location: Kericho
Contact: 0728698433
Email: oliverolliemutai@gmail.com

KUCHI AND KUROILER COCKS: Six-months-old, breeding as per demand.
Price: Sh1,800 each.
Location: Thika
Contact: Macharia, 0724566722

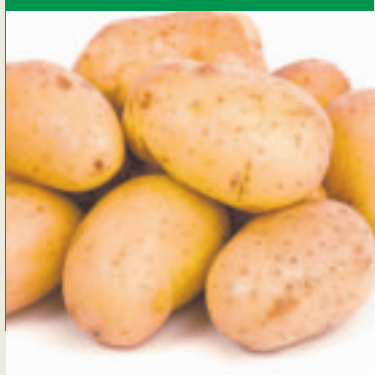
RABBIT: Does and kids
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Between Sh3,500 and Sh4,000.
Location: Kinoo, Kiambu.
Contact: 0734 205 840

TILAPIA FISH: As per demand.
Price: Negotiable.
Contact: Emma 0722 703 683
Email: fredrick.malu@yahoo.co.uk

RABBITS: 30
Price: Sh3,000 (mature) and 1,500 (kids).
Contact: 0727681806

SELLER:
POTATOES

A large supply of Irish potatoes available in Mau Narok at Sh5,000 per bag. Contact 0703853138

SELLER:
GREEN MAIZE

Three acres of green maize available for sell in Ngata, Nakuru.
Contact: 0716774555
agnessmuriuki@gmail.com



CATFISH: As per demand.
Price: Negotiable.
Location: Limuru, Kiambu County.
Contact: Emma, 0722703683
Email: fredrick.malu@yahoo.co.uk

MILKING MACHINE: 1
Price: Sh180,000.
Contact: Walter Kubai
Email: kwawest@yahoo.com

SEEDLINGS: Apple seedlings at Sh150, Apple mango seedlings at Sh100, tree tomato (giant red) at Sh50 and banana Fhia 17 at Sh250.
Location: Kabati/Embu
Contact: 0724246585
Email: simonmuiruril@gmail.com

GOATS: As per demand.
Price: Negotiable depending on the location of the buyer.
Contact: Mary, 0722886364

DOVES AND PIGEONS: Any breed/colour as per demand.
Price: Young ones at Sh400, mature at Sh600, pure white at Sh800.
Location: Nakuru County.
Contact: 0725012098
Email: dovespigeons@yahoo.com

BIOGAS BURNERS: As per demand
Location: Voi
Contact: Gichanga, 0729153918

GOATS: Alpine, three to eight years.
Quantity: Nine.
Price: Sh18,000.
Location: Kanyenya-ini, Murang'a County.
Contact: 0703873970.
Email: michaelmwash@gmail.com

POULTRY EQUIPMENT: Feeding, drinking, heating and ventilation systems for poultry farms.
Quantity: As per demand.
Contact: Martha Mugure, 0205202788
mugure_martha@yahoo.com

POTATOES: Shangi seeds to be ready by end of this month in Molo, Kirengat on two acres.
Contact: 0733861594
Email: gckipsoi@gmail.com

RABBITS: 40, price negotiable.
Contact: Chara George.
Email: charageorge14@gmail.com

RHODES GRASS: As per demand.
Price: Sh200 per bale.
Location: Nanyuki and Narumoru.
Contact: 0719752293.
Email: jmuturi2007@yahoo.com

SEEDLINGS: Tree tomatoes, grafted avocados and passion fruit seedlings.
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Negotiable.
Location: Elburgon, Nakuru County.
Contact: 0753206853.
Email: jchege2011@gmail.com

STRAWBERRY: We have 40,000 strawberry plants, which have started producing good berries. Full production expected in three to four weeks. Looking for a contract buyer.
Price: Negotiable.
Location: Kangundo.
Contact: Joseph Mulusya, 0720412345
Email: jwmulusya@gmail.com

BEEHIVES: Queen excluder as per demand.
Price: Sh4,500 per hive.
Location: Eldoret.
Contact: Moses, 0724672875/0738161875 or Rodgers 0717343626
Email: mkngeny@gmail.com

ONIONS: 12 tonnes
Price: Sh60 per kilo
Location: Wote, Makueni
Contact: Peter 0722475903
Email: ngutupn@yahoo.com

PASSION FRUIT SEEDLINGS: Purple.
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Sh20 each.
Location: Kericho
Contact: 0728698433
Email: oliverolliemutai@gmail.com

GREENHOUSE MATERIALS: Irrigation pipes and fittings
Price: Negotiable..
Location: Nyeri.
Contact: 0704586333/0705922288
Email: kenchirachira@yahoo.com

CEREALS Wheat, finger millet, maize, beans and sorghum suitable for animal feed.
Price: 1,000 bags of wheat at Sh4,000 per 90kg bag. 1,000 bags of finger millet selling at Sh5,800 per 90kg bag and over 500 bags of maize at Sh3,400 per 90kg bag.
Contact: 0722297217/0726622165
Email: framariadec4th@hotmail.com

INCUBATORS: Chicks suppliers, makers of commercial (automatic) egg incubators also hatching services.
Quantity: As per demand.
Location: Kahawa West
Contact: Muhia Steve 0722850673
Email: kentccs07@gmail.com

KUROILER CHICKS: Day old chicks
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Sh120.
Location: Delivery anywhere in Nyanza and Western region
Contact: 0710948585
Email: kitchenchicken@mail.com

TURKEYS and GEESE: Mature turkeys for consumption and rearing
Quantity: As per demand.
Price: Sh2,500
Location: Mombasa
Contact: 0725593920
Email: eddielubzb@gmail.com

STOCKFEED: Agricultural lime, chicken grit, bentonite, gypsum powder and organic fertiliser.

Quantity: As per demand.
Contact: Shikokoti, 0724368622
Email: chrisandoes81@nokiamail.com

GREENHOUSES: As per demand.
Price: From Sh40,000 to Sh1 million
Location: Free transport around Murang'a and Thika.
Contact: Salome 0725093073

SORGHUM: 30 bags of brown sorghum, farmgate available in West Karachuonyo, Homa Bay County
Contact: Joshua Ager, 0723509028
okellodg@yahoo.com

FRESH COW MILK: 1,000 litres of fresh milk per day.
Location: Delivered within 20km radius of Meru town
Contact: Mbaabu 0722720710

HEIFERS and MATURE COWS: As per demand.
Price: Cow (20 to 30 litres) at Sh110,000, 15 to 20 litres cow at Sh90,000 and heifers at Sh50,000.
Location: Kinangop Farm
Contact: Muriithi 0711410094
Email: rwangombe2012@gmail.com

KUROILER CHICKEN: Three months-old
Quantity: 200.
Price: Sh800 each.
Location: Kisumu
Contact: 0720332663
Email: aodindo2007@yahoo.com.

GOAT MILK

Quantity: 10 litres.
Price: Sh300 per litre
Location: Kikuyu
Contact: 0729743527
Email: joekamere@gmail.com



PASSION FRUIT SEEDLINGS: Certified Grafted.
Quantity: As per demand.
Location: Eldoret
Contact: 0722619543/0789725495/0720807776
Email: nmbogo01@yahoo.com

KUROILER CHICKEN, EGGS and PO-LUTRY FEEDS: As per demand.
Location: Mumias
Contact: 0722 807012
Email: imatalanga@yahoo.com

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KERICHO COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF WARD ADMINISTRATORS

Kericho County Public Service Board wishes to invite the following shortlisted candidates for interviews for the posts of Ward Administrators to be held on the dates and time indicated against their names.

DAY- 1 THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 -KIPKELION EAST SUB COUNTY

S/ NO	NAME	M/F	ID NO.	TEL. CONTACT	ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	KOECH SHARON CHEPKIRUI	F	21351712	0720320165	BSC. Post Grad. Dip.in Ed.	8.30am
2	BETTY C CHEPKWONY	F	21221522	0727870088	BCOM,Marketing option	9.00am
3	GEOFFREY CHERUIYOT KIRUI	M	13010636	0724331065	BCOM, Dip. A/C & Auditing	9.30am
4	PETER KIPKURUI KOECH	M	22017586	0720342378	MBA , BBA	10.00am
5	ERICK CHERUIYOT KETER	M	11206498	0722824689	BSC.Natural Resource Mgt	11.00am
6	LEONARD KIPKOECH YEGON	M	23399983	072514624	BA ECONS, CPA	11.30am
7	BENARD C. NGETICH	M	1490145	0723990717	BSC.	12.00pm
8	PETER KIPYEGON KOECH	M	5244657	0722646447	MA, BCOMS.	12.30pm
9	TONUI KIPKOECH STANLEY	M	1301034	0724832322	BCOMS, CPA PART 1	2.00pm
10	CHIRCHIR CHEPKEMOI JOYCE	F	21749928	0721773077	BA THEOLOGY, DIP. EDU.	2.30pm

DAY -1 THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMEBR, 2014-KIPKELION EAST SUB COUNTY

1	KIPNGETICH JOHANA ROTICH	M	22593040	0720250027	BSC, Post. Grad., DIP.Purchasing & Supplies	8.30am
2	NEDDY CHELANGAT NGETICH	F	24299036	0723706877	BA.	9.00am
3	PAUL KIPROTICH SIGEI	M	9577889	0724876611	MPM, BA DIP. Computer Mgt.	9.30am
4	RICHARD KIPLANGAT SINEI	M	4802832	0720855968	MSC.BSC. DIP. Agr. Engineering	10.00am
5	WILLIAM KIPNGETICH SIELE	M	8021123	0723945179	MLIS.,BA. Post Grad. Dip. In Computer Science	11.00am
6	JANE CHELANGAT LABOSO	F	10383321	0720500033	BA Theology	11.30am
7	ARON RICHARD SIGEI	M	11204947	0711499499	BA Anthropology	12.00pm

DAY -1 THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2014- KIPKELION WEST SUB COUNTY

1	KIPSANG BETT SAMMY	M	22972141	0724483743	B.ED. (Science)	12.30pm
2	PAUL KIPLANGAT KIRUI	M	10991179	0720737470	MBA,BED	2.00pm
3	SAMWEL KEBENEI	M	21871575	0724663990	BSC	2.30pm
4	ERICK KIPKIRUI KOROS	M	24599276	0727263172	MED (MKU- ONGOING)	3.00pm

DAY -1 THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2014-KIPKELION WEST SUB COUNTY

1	PHILIPH KIPLANGAT KURGAT	M	10383358	0722336397	MA. BA.,	8.30am
2	NELSON SIONGOK KIPRONO	M	7103582	0725164382	BA. Dip. Project Management	9.00am
3	DAVID KIPNGETICH CHEPKWONY	M	9576805	0712431982	BA. Public Adm. & Sociology in Education	9.30am
4	MAURINE CHEPKIRUI NGETICH	M	20882170	0721566689	BA (Christian Education) Dip. Ed	10.00am
5	ABRAHAM KIPROTICH TUEI	M	21045336	0721888053	B.Ed. (Science)	11.00am
6	KIPKORIR MUTAI HILLARY	M	22613012	0727013253	M.Ed., B.Ed.	11.30am
7	CHARLES KIPKOECH SIGEYH	M	12478891	0725959219	BSC.	12.00pm
8	KIRUI KIPTOO VINCENT	M	22234912	0723038176	BCOM	12.30pm
9	PHILIP KIBET KOGOH	M	13012570	0725672319	BSC, Post Grad. Dipl. Ed.	2.00pm
10	KIPLANGAT SOGOWO SIMON	M	22384183,	0723442651	B.ED (Technology)	2.30pm

DAY-2 FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2014- KIPKELION WEST SUB COUNTY

1	HELEN CHEPKURUI TELE	F	14438212	0720895316	MA. Project Mgt., B.ED (ECDE)	8.30am
2	JULIUS KIPKEMOI A KERICH	M	7632833		B. Theology , Post Grad. Dipl.Ed.	9.00am
3	KIMUTAI ISAAC	M	23564579	0722179187	MA Phil., BSC.	9.30am
4	SANG BETT KIBIEGON HENRY	M	22509238	0723604515	BSCAgriculture	10.00am
5	JOEL KIBET CHEPKWONY	M	13035629	0724421717	BSC. Horticulture, Post Grad. in Ed.	11.00am
6	LEAH CHEROTICH	F	21694817	0725436550	B.Ed., CPA Part II,	11.30am
7	KIBII RONO JOHNSTONE	M	14439240		B. Ed	12.00pm
8	KOSKEI BENARD	M	21019948	0720369157	BSC	12.30pm

DAY-2 FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 -AINAMOI SUB COUNTY

1	KIPLANGAT ZABLON RONO	M	22566286	0722843729	MA., BA	2.00pm
2	MITEI R KIPLANGAT	M	14439936	0724858444	BSC Agricultural Engineering	2.30pm
3	KIPNGETICH COMAS	M	22431909	0720475350, 0751643064	BSC Agricultural Education and Extension	3.00pm
4	ERICK K CHESIMET	M	10445292	0723717624	MA in Public Adm/Mgt , BA Political Science	3.30pm

DAY 2- FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 -AINAMOI SUB COUNTY

S/ NO	NAME	M/F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFFESIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	BETTY CHEBET LETYO	F	21677145	0724318414	BA Theology, Dip. Theology	8.30am
2	DALMUS KIKURUI ARAP MOROGO	M	10771903	0720342278	BA Economics and Sociology	9.00am
3	NEWTON KIBET SANG	M	25045726	0722526046, 0720974271	B.COM Accounting ,CPA-K	9.30am
4	PHILIP K MARITIM	M	5452224	0722636570	BA	10.00am
5	SAMWEL KIKEMOI KORIR	M	7699070	0720764533	BA Bus. Studies & Economics, CPA I Sec I	11.00am
6	JULIANA JEBET	F	13692452	0722306148	BA Ling. and Swahili,Post Grad. Dip in Mass Comm.	11.30am
7	HELLEN CHEPKORIR	F	13109957	0720066307	Bachelor of Social Laws Adv. Dip. in Bus. Mgt Dip. in Comp	12.00pm
8	ISAAC K BOSUBEN	M		0735767676, 0720599452	MBA Strategic Mgt.,BCOM Marketing Option,	12.30pm
9	MUTAI DAVID KIPKIRUI	M	21355848	0719871157	BBM Hrm	2.00pm

DAY 2- FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2014-SOIN / SIGOWET SUB COUNTY

1	JONATHAN K. KORIR	M	3870091	0722 864 558	MA ., BA	2.30pm
2	RUTO KIPROTICH DENIS	M	23117021	0721 607 079	B.ED ., Dip. in Educational Mgt	3.00pm
3	KIPSANG BII	M	11636615	0722 423 793	B.A., DIP. in Education	3.30pm

DAY-2 FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 -AINAMOI SUB COUNTY

1	STEPHEN KIBET LANGAT	M	9726033	0722408446	BA	8.30am
2	KIBET KORIR BENARD	M	23542085	0721790568	BSC	9.00am
3	FAITH QUEEN CHEBET	F	22836497	0722416967	MA Counseling Psy. BA Theology	9.30am
4	DAVID KIBET BII	M	11080762	0722590432	BED Arts	10.00am
5	EDWIN K NGENO	M	14580821	0724369960	BA Econ.& Bus. Studies, Post Grad. Dip. in Ed.	11.00am
6	LEONARD KIPRONO BETT	M		0722 828 556	BCOM	12.00pm

7	SARAH CHEPKURUI	F	24708476	0724319025	MBA(FINANCE), BCOMS(BANKING &FINANCE)	12.30pm
8	CHEBET HELLEN NGETICH	F	13012301	0724 169 845	MA Religion , BA , Dip. in Theology	2.00pm
9	NICHOLAS CHERUIYOT BARNO	M	23609851	0723 332 109	MBA Finance, B.ED., CPA Sec. (VI)	2.30pm
10	FELISTER CHEBET	F	1528322	0721 253 050	MBA, BA, Dip. in Ed. Management	3.00pm
11	RONO DAVID WESLEY	M	11297549	0711 111 687	MBA ., B.COM., Post. Grad. Dip. In Comp. Science., DIP. in Hrm	3.30pm

DAY-3 MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 AINAMOI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	SIELE PHILEMON	M	11637907	0721840847	BA Psy, BA Theology MA Theology	8.30am
2	ANDREW LASOI	M	11298458	0728976852	BSC. Agr. Tech.Post Grad. Dip in Ed.	9.00am
3	BENARD KIPKIRUI ROTICH	M	13008092	0723879771	MA ., BSC	9.30am
4	KOSITANY CONRAD	M	10991952	0715251740	M.ED Psy., B.ED. Arts	10.00am
5	ERNEST KIPKOECH KOSKEI	M	22223809	0720133423	MBA, BCOM, Accounting	11.00am
6	EDWARD KIPKORIR YEGON	M	21233430	0726444384	MA., BA. Dip. in Computer Science	11.30am
7	PHILIP KIBET KOGOH	M	13012570	0725 672 319	POST GRAD. DIP IN ED-BSC	12.00pm
8	WILFRIDA CHEPKOECH	F	222956483	0722 293 625	BA, DIP. IN HRM	12.30pm
9	ANDREW MARITIM	M	9729669	07226763787	B.COMS	2.00pm
10	DAVID KIBET BII	M	11080762	0722 590 432	B.ED. ARTS	2.30pm
11	JUDITH C. LANGAT	F	22983632	0723137844	BSC. AGR. ECONS.	3.00pm

DAY-3 MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	LANGAT KIPKOECH ALBINE	M	133020984	0728 331 209	MA Phil., B.ED Arts	8.30am
2	ELIUD KIPRONO NGETICH	M	22988766	0722 453 390	MBA , BSC	9.00am
3	PETER KIMUTAI KORIR	M	8021131	0770 270 465	BSc ,Dip. in Gen. Agri.	9.30am
4	YEGON WALTER KIMUTAI	M	21798455	0729 096 616	BA Accounting., CPA Sec. 2	10.00am
5	HILLARY KIRUI	M		0724 742 194	BSc.	11.00am
6	WISON RUTOH	M	7062240	0725 778 715	BA	11.30am
7	STANLEY K. KOSKEI	M	20129532	0720 081 270	MBA , B.TECH	12.00pm

DAY-3 MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BELGUT SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	PHILIP KIBET KOGOH	M	13012570	0725672319	BSC., Post Grad. Dip. In Education	12.30pm
2	CAROLINE CHEPNGENO LANGAT	F	24134030	0720108394	BA Economics And Sociology	2.00pm
3	DAVID KIPTANUI ROTICH	M	12979754	0721333661	BA Economics	2.30pm
4	RONOH DAVID WESLEY	M	11297549	0711111687, 0727248009	MBA. BCOM Dip. in Hrm	3.00pm

DAY 3 MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO/ DOB	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	NGETICH EDWIN	M	22486418	-0720 847 521	BSC	8.30am
2	VINCENT KIPLANGAT TONUI	M	24253103	-0703 196 677, -0703 170 622	BA Cultural Studies	9.00am
3	AGGREY KIPROTICH MIKE	-M	23271572	-0727 744 262	BCOM (Accounting Option)	9.30am
4	BEATRICE CHEPKEMOI SAMUMKUT	F	24420316	070 062 791	Biomedical Science and Technology	10.00am
5	SANG HARON	M	22596974	0721 269 483	BA in Cultural Studies (Anthropology)	11.00am
6	BENJAMIN KIPRONO KIRUI	M	10543286	0720 512 401	BSC. D(ERB-KENYA)	11.30am
7	CHERUIYOT KOECH PAUL	M	13103735	-0720 735 820, -0753 400 025	BBM (Accounting option)	12.00pm
8	KIBET MUTAI LIVINGSTONE	M	11615577	-0726 964 250, -0727 575 539	MED. Research and Evaluation, BED History & Geography	12.30pm

DAY -3 MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BELGUT SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACT	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	MAURICE KIPLANGAT MUTAI	M	545280	0722965416	BSC	2.00pm
2	RONALD KIPNETICH KIGEN	M	20090080	0722296789	MSC., BSC	2.30pm
3	KIPLANGAT CHIRCHIR	M	9434281	0721418885	BA., (LLB)	3.00pm
4	ALLAN YEGON	M	22541628	0722746305	MPH., BSC	3.30pm

DAY -4 TUESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014-BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACT	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	TOO TONNY KIPKOECH	M	22508619	0720 338 969	BSC .IT, Dip in IT (Library Science.)	8.30am
2	NELSON KIPKOECH BETT	M	22398125	0720 617 744	BSC. Wildlife Management	9.00am
3	CHELANGAT WINNIE	F	21971395	0720 336 549	MA .Phil.,Post Grad. Dip In Ed..BA Theology	9.30am
4	BETT SAMWEL KIPTOO	M	23748426	0723 734 889	MBA, .BSC	10.00am
5	WILSON C. RUTOH	M	7062240	0725 778 715	MA., BED(Arts)	11.00am
6	PHILI KIPKOSKEI KOECH	M	1738423	0723 032 300	BSC(Education)	11.30am
7	KIPKOECH S.A CHERUIYOT	M	10013215	0722 785275, 0722 765 253	B.COMS	12.00pm
8	ANDREW KIPKEMOI	M	12483814	0726 590 846	BSC (Agricultural Education. & Extension)	12.30pm
9	CHERONO EMILY TONUI	F	21143660	0716 332 528	BA.,Post Grad. Dip. In Education	2.00pm
10	ROTICH GEOFFREY KIPKURUI	M	11207269	0727 358 580	BSC(Agri. Eng., Dip in Hrm	2.30pm

DAY-4 TUESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO/ DOB	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	BETT ERNEST KIPKIRUI	M	13035403	0711 446 568	MED, BED	8.30am
2	VINCENT KIPTOO SOY	M	9877821	0722 828 192 0731 975 651	BA. Postgrad. Dip In Personnel Mgt And Industrial Relation	9.00am
3	JONATHAN K. KOSKEY	M	11207173	0726 131 080	BA,Post Grad. Higher National Dip In Hrm	9.30am
4	KOECH ROBERT KIPLANGAT	M	22571727	0723 108 138	B.ED	10.00am
5	SAMWEL KIMUTAI NGENO	M	0734860	0721 731 649	MCOM , BCOM	11.00am
6	MARITIM PHILIP KIPLANGAT	M	12481132	0733 435982, 0720 879 136	M.ED., B.ED	11.30am
7	TALLAM LESLEY	F	24434429	0722 766075, 0738 746 227	MA., BSC	12.00pm

DAY-4 TUESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014-SIGOWET / SOIN SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	ALEXANDER KIPLANGAT TONUI	M	11081760	0735 421 343	BA., Dip. in Business Mgt	12.30pm
2	KEMBOI GILBERT	M	22713135	0724281726	(LLB)., Post Grad. Dipl. in Advocate Training,Dip. in Comm., Dip. in Research Methodology	2.00pm
3	RONOH DAVID	M	11297549	0711 11 687	MBA., BCOM , Dip. in HRM	2.30pm
4	CAROLINE CHEPKORIR	M	23184615	0724 542 203	BED	3.00pm

DAY -4 TUESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014-BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO. DOB	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	LIVINGSTONE TANUI	M	8073165	0725 634 558	PHD, M.ED, B.ED	8.30am
2	IRINE NGENO	M	13362262	0723 566 895	MA., BED	9.00am
3	BENARD KIPKEMOI CHEPKWONY	M	11369885	0724 003 269	BED., Dip.in Education	9.30am
4	KOSKEI JACKSON	-M	23169546	0725 418 697	BSC.	10.00am
5	BENARD NGETICH	M	13667803	0719 744 106	BED	11.00am
6	JOYCE CHEPKIRUI SIGEY	F	23165695	0723 647 535	MBA, BBA	11.30am
7	STEPHEN KIRUI	M	11430453	0739 672159, 0726 710 300	BSC, Post Grad. Dip in Education	12.00am
8	WILBON K. RONOH	M	21356304	0728 676 650	MA, BA	12.30am
9	KORIR WELDON KIMUTAI	M	24289095	0724 276 287	B.SC	2.00am
10	DAVID KIPLELGOT LANGAT	M	10012174	0720 479 756	BED	2.30am

DAY-5 WEDNESDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO/ DOB	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC& PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	EVANS CHERUIYOT LANGAT	M	20369360	0724683408	BSC. Food Technology	8.30am
2	HELLEN CHEBET	F	24271965	0725337905	Diploma Project Mgt, BSC in IT	9.00am
3	WILSON KIBII SIGILAI	M	8662264	0725779431	BCOM	9.30am
4	MOSES A SIGEI	M	10012743	0704435816	BA (Social Science)	10.00am
5	ROTICH COSMAS KIPKURUI	M	23597446	0727713933	B-TECH) Dip. In Comp Engineering	11.00am
6	JONATHAN KIPKORIR TOO	M	10383815	0734763922	BA	11.30am
7	DAVID KIPKORIR KIRUI	M	22510981	0721357693	B.ED.Dip. Project Mgt	12.00
8	CHEPKOECH NGENO CATHERYNE	M	20957140	0724429234	MA (Guidance & Counseling) BA, Theology	12.30pm
9	CORNEL KIPKEMOI KIRUI TOWETT	M	14439773	0725902434	BA	2.00pm
DAY-5 WEDNESDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BELGUT SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	CHEKURUI JENNIFER KOSKE	F	23327959	0726329874	M.ED., B.ED	8.30am
2	JULIUS KIPKURUI MATINKWONY	M	11078639	0726327745	BA., Dip. In Hrm	9.00am
3	NGERECHI CHEPKORIR LEAH	F	23218674	0770231300 0714557594	BBM (Finance) Dip. in Secretarial Science	9.30am
4	BENARD KINGENO MUTAI	M	22614546	0722491725	BSC	10.00am
5	LANGAT LENA CHENGETICH	F	23399719	0733176173, 0716758615	MSC, BSC	11.00am
6	KIPKOECH KORIR KENNETH	M	11298528	0720806699	BA	11.30am
7	JAPHET KIBET	M	13109617	0719126182	BBA., CPA I &II	12.00pm
8	JANET CHEBET	F	9233190	0726706700	MA. BA., HD in Personnel Mgt	12.30pm
9	KOECH KIPNGENO RICHARD	M	11796873	0723402213	BSC., Post Grad. Dip in Project Planning Mgt	2.00pm
10	OSCAR KIPRONOH TOO	M		0726149638	BA in Public Admin	2.30pm
11	KIBET NGETICH SHADRACK	M	22675042	0720116842	BA (Education)	3.00pm
12	DAVID KIPLANGAT RONO	M	10195450	0724734409	MCOM., BCOM Account	3.30pm
DAY-5 WEDNESADY 17 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BELGUT SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	JUDITH CHEMUTAI	F	21256827	0722531192	B.ED	8.30am
2	PATIENCE CHEPKEMOI CHIRCHIR	M	23865799	0721822389	BSC, Dip. In Ed.	9.00am
3	WELDONE KIPKOECH	M	14579990	0722915658	BCOM	9.30am
4	HILLARY KIPNGETICH BII	M	24020181	0725907317	BA Economics	10.00am
5	DAVID KIPKOECH KORIR	M	5452905	0716311314	BA	11.00am
6	PETER KIPNGENO KERIN	M	KE015370	0724687475	BSC., Post Grad. Dip in Ed.	11.30am
7	KIPKOECH WELDON KIRUI	M	22839203	0722908960	MA., BA Education	12.00pm
8	KIPKOECH MARK CHEPKWONY	M	22570997	0725992482	MA ., BED	12.30pm
9	AGNESS CHEPKORIR	F	14439811	0723402750	BA	2.00pm
10	ELIJAH KIPROTICH BETT	M	7062785	0722745256	M.COM., B.COM. Post Grad. Dip. in Computer Science	2.30pm
11	KOECH KIPNGENO RICHARD	M	11796873	0723728014	BSC ., MBA. Post Grad. Dip Project Planning & Mgt	3.00pm
DAY-6 THURSDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	JOHNSON KIPROTICH KOECH	M	6003933	0724497665	BA., Post Grad. Dip in Hrm	8.30am
2	ROBERT KIRUI	M	10988700	07205866600	B COM, Post Grad. Dip in Marketing & Sales	9.00am
3	CHALES KIBET TONUI	M	7698816	0725 976 578	MCOM., BCOM, Dip In Business Mgt	9.30am
4	BETHWEL KIPNGENO MUTAI	M	24499960	0723 151 030	MBA., BCOM	10.00am
5	SITIENEI BETTY CHEBET	F	23921679	0723 638 914	B.ED	11.00am
6	LOISE CHENGETICH KORIR	F	11299436	0710622189	BCOM, Dip. in Computer Science	11.30am
7	PATRICK KIKURUI MUTAI	M	1775260	0720225460	BSC., Diploma in Project and Mgt Design	12.00pm
8	STEPHEN KIPKOECH KIMETTO	M	8752439	0723322639	MA.,BCOM., Dip. in Business Mgt	12.30pm
9	FLORENCE C YEGON	F	11526999	0700584916	BSC in Agricultural Education & Extension	2.00pm

DAY-6 THURSDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 BELGUT SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID.NO	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	TIME
1	PETER KIPTOO NGENO	M	14440527	0722375649	BSC ., CPA III SEC 5&6	8.30am
2	HARRISON CHERUIYOT KORIR	M	13012770	0723093418	BSC	9.00am
3	IRENE CHEPKOECH LANGAT	F	23312379	0721979955	BBM. CPA II.,	9.30am
4	EVANS CHERUIYOT SIELE	M	14579870	0726375873	MBA ., BA CPA I	10.00am
5	EMMY CHERONO BETT	F	22792764	0713962534	MA. Religion , BA. Christian Education	11.00am
6	RICHARD K RONO	M	11080932	0722671795	MA., BED, Diploma in Hrm	11.30am
7	NAHASHON KIPROP NGETICH	M	2358576	0710156837	BA. Public Administration	12.00pm
8	CAROLINE CHEPKEMOI CHEPKWONY	F		0721764745, 0720535308	BBM (Finance and Banking)	12.30pm
DAY-6 THURSDAY 18 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014- SIGOWET / SOIN SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	CHELANGAT N. FAITH	F	23233856	0710465374	BBM ., CPA Part I Sec I	8.30am
2	CHELANGAT JUDITH ROTICH	F	22655818	0726304667	MSC ., BSC	9.00am
3	RUTTO SANDRA	M	23246416	0724472431	BSC	9.30am
4	SAMMY CHERUIYOT TERER	M	10445511	0715607698	MBA., BA	10.00am
5	SAMWEL KIPRONO ROTICH	M	1726363	0722680149	BA	11.00am
6	WILFRIDA CHEPKEMBOI	F	25661020	0722817898	-BBM., CPA PART 11,	11.30am
7	JOYCE CHELANGAT SOI	F	10988276	0714441050	B.ED	12.00pm
8	RONO KIPKIRUI	M		0723779562	MA., BA	12.30pm
9	DANIEL KIPYEGON TONUI	M	3835953	0723528250	MSC., B.ED	2.00pm
DAY-7 FRIDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014- BURETI SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	MICHAEL KIPRONO KOECH	M	8753281	0706 074 658	BA	8.30am
2	JAPHET KIPNGETICH RUTO	M	4745212	0729 282 377	B.COM. Post Grad. Dip. in Education	9.00am
3	MATHEW KIPNGETICH SANG	M	24048872	0723 588 755	BSC(Medical Lab Science)	9.30am
4	CHARLES KIPKURUI LANGAT	M	8073069	0724 708 781	BA	10.00am
5	ALFRED CHEPKWONY	M	10988118	0721 945 406	PhD., MED, B.Ed	11.00am
6	CHEMUTAI NAOMI TOWETT	F	22508698	0712 163 013	BED	11.30am
7	SIGEI SARAH CHEPKEMOI	F	4831597	0721 927 190	BSC.,Post Grad. Dip in Education	12.00pm
8	SARA CHELELGO MARITIM	F	0917832	0724 864 355	MPHIL, BED	12.30pm
9	SIELE KIPKIRUI CHARLES	M	24034464	0725 418 810	BA Economics	2.00pm
DAY- 7 FRIDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 –SIGOWET / SOIN SUB COUNTY						
S/ NO	NAME	M/ F	ID NO.	CONTACTS	ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
1	ROBERT KIPYEGON TIONY	M	24919667	0727694126	BA	8.30am
2	FLORENCE CHEPKEMOI KOECH	F	8548072	0722431693	M. PHIL., B.ED	9.00am
3	VIOLET CHEPNGENO ROTICH	F	23293630	0721930588	BSc	9.30aam
4	JANET C ROTICH	F	223825334	0722686003	BSc., Adv. Dip. IT	10.00am
5	CHERUIYOT BII ARON	M	22594492	0720 032309	BSC	11.00am
6	HENRY K CHERUIYOT	M	10014123	0720233597	BA	11.30am
7	ROSE CHEBET BIWOTT	F	20238152	0721300302	BA.AGRI BUS.MGT ., Dip. HRM	12.00pm

Candidates coming for the interviews are required to bring the following:
i) Original ID/Passport, Academic and Professional Certificates and Testimonials.
ii) Clearance from the CID, KRA, HELB and Ethics & Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).
iii) Letter of invitation to attend the interview.

NOTE:RE-ADVERTISEMENT
Tendeno / Sorget Ward could not raise the minimum required qualified candidates to make it competitive. By this advertisement, all qualified persons with at least Bachelors degree with 5 years’ experience or 5 years post-graduation are asked to apply. Closing date is on Friday 19th September 2014. Applications to be forwarded to:

The Secretary / CEO,
Kericho County public service Board
P.O.Box 1376-20200
Kericho
Or

Hand delivered at the Public Service Board’s offices located along the Road to Kericho Primary School.

LITERARY DISCOURSE | Absence of creativity can be blamed on the current method of teaching

Our schools and colleges only emphasise rote learning, which means they produce graduates who cannot solve our problems

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In a meeting that I attended recently, Alice Kairichi of the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development said the objectives of Kenya's educational system were to inculcate the skills of (a) critical thinking, and (b) problem-solving. She might have mentioned creative thinking, but I don't remember.

I was delighted to hear that KICD was thinking along these lines. An educational system is good to the extent to which it encourages critical thinking. And problem-solving and creative thinking are by-products of critical thinking.

Alice Kairichi might not have seen the sceptical smile on my face when she so boldly articulated these educational objectives. I have been a player in the education industry for many years, and I have arrived at my own conclusions.

I have been teaching at the University of Nairobi for 37 years, and some years ago, I represented my institution at the then Kenya Institute of Education. I have also interacted extensively with teachers in our schools and colleges, so I was cynical, and it's this scepticism that I want to talk about.

Anxious moments

I want to argue that there is a yawning gap between these stated objectives and the situation on the ground, and that Kenya is feeling the effects of this discrepancy.

One of my most anxious moments when I teach writing is when I ask students to formulate a thesis statement with respect to what they want to say in their essays. I tell them a thesis statement about spelling out what you want to say; it is a claim that can be contested, but which you want to defend. The template might sound simple and even simplistic, but it essentially takes the form — They say that, but I say this.

And this, I must emphasise, is the beginning of critical thinking. But simple as it may appear, teaching students how to craft a thesis statement is, in my experience, the most difficult task.

If you say in any essay that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, you are not saying anything that anyone would dispute. If you say human beings walk on two legs, nobody would argue with you. But if you claim the sun is getting hotter, you will get people who will counteract that claim.

If you define humans as those animals who kill members of their own species, one might contradict you by saying humans only kill each other when they see those they kill as non-human. For instance, when the Israelis kill Palestinians, they do so because they no longer see them as human.

You have no argument if you say Ngugi wa Thiong'o puts the Mau Mau struggle at the centre of his writing. But if you say the Kenyan writer overstates the role of Mau Mau in the struggle for Kenya's independence, then you have a thesis, a claim, which can be contested and which you therefore need to defend.

Discerning readers of the Bible will tell you that, more than anybody else, Jesus popularised the template for critical thinking. He would say: You have been told



FILE | NATION

A stressed out student. Our educational system emphasises rote learning rather than critical thinking and problem-solving. This affects our cultural and intellectual life.

I blame system of education for lack of critical thinkers

that, but I am telling you this. He had something new, something original to say.

I have gone to nearly all corners of this republic and interacted with teachers of English in numerous workshops. Many have told me they read set texts with their students page by page, and that these students cannot independently read a novel or a play from cover to cover.

The question then arises: at what point do these students do a critical appreciation of the book as a whole? When do they argue and debate with the author? At what point do they bring their experiences to bear on their reading? When do they evaluate the message of the work?

Composition writing, as we all know, is the one skill that tests our ability to think on our feet. The creative composition tests our creative thinking skills, and the argumentative composition tests our critical thinking skills.

American students don't sit a national exam; but to get admitted into a university, you write a personal essay. The personal essay is a composition in which you write about defining moments in your life. For example, you write about the time you were caught in a moral dilemma and how you got out of it. The personal essay reveals your critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills. And American universities take this kind of writing very seriously.

But how is composition taught in our schools? I have asked this question whenever and wherever I have met teachers of English. The answer I have got is that our

children and our grandchildren do the unthinkable: they cram so-called model compositions and try to force them to fit into whatever question has been asked. This is an unfortunate and shameful feature of our educational system.

At higher levels, critical thinking involves questioning conventional wisdom and assumptions. Critical thinking is independent thinking. There is such a thing as the herd instinct among animals and humans: you do what the group you belong to does, whether it is your age-set, your clan, or your tribe. Critical thinking is refusing to jump on the bandwagon; it is, in the words of the poet Robert Frost, choosing "the road not taken."

Moral conviction

But critical thinking is not about being eccentric; it is not about saying things just in order to sound unique or different. The foundation of critical thinking is a strong moral conviction, an unbending sense of what is right, a stubborn desire to discriminate between right and wrong. Critical thinking is about an abiding faith in the possibility of finding Truth with a capital T.

In his book, *Educational Psychology for Tomorrow's Teacher*, Paul Kaplan says about thinking, including critical thinking:

"Good thinking involves, among other things, the ability to use evidence skillfully and impartially, to organise thoughts consistently, to suspend judgment in the absence of evidence, to anticipate consequences, to see similarities and analogies that are not superficial, to apply prob-

lem-solving techniques in fields other than those in which they were learned, to listen carefully to other people, and to look for unusual approaches to complex problems."

For our purposes, let's take note of the words: "to organise thoughts consistently, to suspend judgment in the absence of evidence." I want to use these words as the springboard for my next point.

In order "to organise our thoughts consistently" we need to guard against logical fallacies. Logic is the science of thinking, and a logical fallacy is a mistake in thinking and reasoning. Kenyans argue a lot; we encounter many of the arguments in the media. But if you subjected these arguments to some form of scientific scrutiny, you would discover numerous

holes and inconsistencies, meaning, in other words, many of our arguments are fallacious.

Take an example that is in the public domain: the Supreme Court hearing of Raila Odinga's petition, which took place last year.

The lawyer for IEBC, Ahmed-nasir Abdullahi, is presenting his case. First, he wants to sound clever and logical by prefacing his speeches with: The premise of my argument is... even where he has no argument. He annoys English teachers by persistently mispronouncing the word "premise." Why? Because they have told their students that the word does not contain a diphthong, a double vowel sound. But like many of us who look up the meanings of words without bothering about their pronunciation, Abdullahi keeps saying /premais/ instead of /premis/.

Second, instead of dealing with the issues in the petition, the famous lawyer attacks the person of Odinga, thereby committing an ad hominem fallacy. What is most saddening is that the judges don't interject. And I am thinking: just the other day, many of them inhabited what a friend of mine pompously refers to as the academic cosmos. Yes, we are talking about a product of a broken educational system.

When they are invigilating exams, many university lecturers behave like police officers, consistently checking in every corner of the examination room and hoping to catch the candidates who are cheating. And truth be told: cheating in our university exams has evolved into a culture. But that is one side of the coin.

The other side is that many of the questions we set demand simple recall. So, if students have not memorised our lecture notes, they will copy them on their sleeves and their petticoats. Or they will enter the exam rooms with what they unblushingly refer to as *mwakenya*. The mistake is ours: we do not set questions that require application and original critical thinking.

Therefore, we are talking of an educational system that emphasises rote learning rather than critical thinking and problem-solving. This affects our cultural and intellectual life.

Stereotyping

If you listen to the political debates and discussions that take place in this country, you hear voices of people with woefully limited critical thinking skills.

Highly educated people defend the most narrow ethnic or sectarian interests. When we praise, we hero-worship; when we criticise, we limit ourselves to name-calling and stereotyping.

So, when my younger brother, Barrack Muluka, cited disjointed pieces from what I wrote about Achebe, without even framing them; when he turned me into a man of straw by distorting what I had said and then criticising his own distortions; when he did an *ad hominem* on me by attacking me as a person, rather than dealing with the points I had raised; I said to myself, there we go again — with yet another prominent product of a failed educational system, a system that does not teach critical thinking skills.

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LITERARY DISCOURSE | Another Ngugi son joins the literary bandwagon with a new novel

Is this the return of the crime thriller?

Nducu wa Ngugi's new book asks crucial questions that Kenyans of goodwill should be concerned with

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I thought the African crime thriller was a thing of the past. Who wants to read stories of heroic detectives chasing after criminals or engaging in endless mental tussles with their opponents, and eventually winning? Are human detectives even necessary in a world where “big brother” closed circuit television and all kinds of sensor cameras literally watch us all day?

In this post-modern world, a world where the story of normalcy has been ruptured and we are all captured by the social media — another site of infinite surveillance — why would someone want to write an “ordinary” crime novel?

I guess that crime novels continue to be written because there is something evil in the air all the time. This virtual evil, the one that the CCTV cameras can't capture, is what the crime thriller writer thrives on. Such crime respects no man or woman's social standing, sweeping all within its reach. Such crime paints all humanity with its evil strokes, leaving consternation, anger, destruction and death in its wake. It threatens to undo society's moral fabric.

This is the reason we read crime thrillers, keenly following the criminal, hoping — and knowing — that in the end she or he will lose out to the forces of good. There is something redemptive and restorative about crime thrillers, even though they may appear to dabble in violence and transgression of law and order.

If we read the crime novel as speaking about the tensions within and threats to the society's moral fabric and order, then Nducu wa Ngugi's new book, *City Murders* (East African Educational Publishers, 2014), begins to make sense; a great sense in Kenya today.

City Murders is about inexplica-

ble murders of materially wealthy members of the society. The first to be murdered is Isaac King'ori, a businessman, who is a friend of the country's president; then there is a medical researcher, Dr Juma Kizito, followed by Prof Justin Obo and then another When will the murders end, the reader is likely to wonder, along with Jack Chidi, the journalist who eventually leads us to the answers.

The drama of the novel revolves around Chidi, his colleague, Otieno — both work at *Daily Grind* newspaper; their friend, Mburu; Jacob, the driver at the newspaper; Ali Fana, the lead detective during the investigations into the murders and his wife, Fatima; the government coroner, Rosa; Kamau Kariuki, a property developer, who is at the core of the murders, and the editor of *Daily Grind*, Bulldog.

Chidi, Otieno and Mburu embark on unravelling the mysterious murders, which appear to be the work of a serial killer, when they sense that the police detectives appear unable to solve the crimes. They become “private detectives”, following forensic leads that point to Kamau Muriuki. Indeed, in the end Chidi and Otieno lead us to Kamau Kariuki, and surprisingly, Rosa and Ali. Ali, Kariuki and Fatima are the evil trio. How and why?

Kamau Kariuki had a construction company in Mombasa, which became bankrupt. He simply relocated to Nairobi and started another unregistered company to purportedly build and sell houses. Ali and Fatima are part of the racket, but its dark side is the cause of the mysterious deaths.

Once a potential customer shows interest, Fatima shows him the house, makes him sign the contract for payment and Kariuki convinces him to pay the deposit. The problem is that the victim is killed the day after

signing off the cheque to KayKay Concepts. Ali's job is to stall the investigation. Rosa simply can't find the “cause” of death except to say that the victims seem to have been asphyxiated.

The story pulls the reader in many places but it labours in many other parts. For instance, the reader doesn't get any hints that Ali is part of the murderous plot. Again, Ali's wife has an affair with Kariuki, and this situation is presented as potentially leading to more drama in the text but this expectation isn't fulfilled. In many places the story just doesn't thrill. However, what makes *City Murders* worth reading are the “other” — unstated — stories it may provoke.

The first, and probably more obvious other story, is that of the corrupt cop. Although the tale of the cop on the take has become banal in Kenya today — what with the claims of massive corruption during the recent police recruitment drive — it is scary when you have

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Nducu wa Ngugi with his latest novel, a crime thriller titled, *City Murders*. Nducu, the son of Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o, seems to be ably following in the footsteps of his brother, Mukoma, who has released *Nairobi Heat* and *Blackstar Nairobi*.

cases of police officers who are willing to kill just to make a few more shillings beyond the usual *chai*. What makes the case of Ali damning and dangerous is that he is actually an efficient professional. The question to ponder is: So, what are we to do when the professional crime busters become crime movers? If you can't trust the police to protect you and your wealth, who will?

The second other story that Nducu suggests here is that of the journalist crime investigator. In a country where the Fourth Estate capitulated to politicians and business PR managers, who will pursue and tell the story of theft of public resources, malpractice in government offices or even corruption in the media houses themselves? I wish to imagine that Nducu is asking if the risky but noble profession of investigative journalists can still have disciples.

Isn't it easier to attend political rallies or product launches and write withering news analysis of already reported cases of corruption than risk broken ribs, destroyed careers, exile or death pursuing cases such as who really pocketed all that Goldenberg money or who were the faceless individuals behind Anglo Leasing?

The third unstated story here is one of civic duty. Chidi and company aren't just seeking personal glory in their search for the killer. They represent the basic moral stance that all good people should take. In a country where crime — or what we prefer to call corruption — has become the normal, maybe the crime novel is what we need to wake us from the stupor that moral degeneration has induced in us.

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If it's good, then it must be told in Kiswahili — ask Mwalimu

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fairly recent Elieshi Lema's *Parched Earth — a Love Story*.

Nor should we forget that the current international giants, Abdulrazak Gurnah and Moez Vassanji, are Tanzanians.

I haven't met Gurnah face to face, but Vassanji is a friend. He even once gave me his well-padded anorak when I was shivering in the chill of a Toronto winter in the early 1990s.

Only, the Tanzanians never seem to lose sight of their Kiswahili home. A good example of this is the early work of my undergraduate contemporary, Ibrahim Hussein. His *Kinjeketile* Kiswahili and English texts were published almost simultaneously.

The Tanzanians also maintain

Mwalimu's conviction that the best of world literature should be brought home, through quality translation, to their Kiswahili reading compatriots. Hence the appearance of texts like *Masaibu ya Ndugu Jero*, *Shamba la Wanyama*, *Mkaguzi Mkuu wa Serikali* and *Mfalme Edipode*, which we read today as Kiswahili texts in their own right.

This, however, is not to minimise the singular impact of our colleagues working primarily in Kiswahili. Of my classmate Euphrase Kezilahabi, probably the subtlest artist working in the language today, I can say very little, because he always said, and still says, very little himself.

Kezilahabi lets his creative pen say it all for him. It was his verse that concretised the *mashairi huru* revo-

lution that liberated Kiswahili verse from the “shackles” of traditionist conventions.

This way, that way ...

The debate between the *wan- amapokeo* conservatives and the experimentalists, led by Kezilahabi and vigorously defended by his younger siblings, like Kahigi and Mulokozi, the *wachokozi wa Kilimani* (provocateurs of University Hill), may not even be over yet.

But, as our own learned professors, Kimani Njogu and Kithaka wa Mberia, have variously observed, the liberalisation is irreversible.

My most beloved Tanzanian scribe, however, is the prolific, multi-talented Pemban, Said Ahmed Mohamed (Khamis). We first met on the

Ubungu campus in the early 2000s, at an Institute of Kiswahili Research (TUKI) conference. But, like many other lovers of Kiswahili Literature, I was already an enthusiastic convert to his work, starting with his anti-racist, anti-colonial and anti-sexist first novel, *Asali Chungu*.

Poet, novelist, dramatist, children's writer and accomplished academic, Mohamed is the quintessence of an all-round man of letters.

But there's lots more to this uniquely energetic and consistently productive author, as I happily found out when I worked closely with him during my brief stint as a Visiting Professor at the Bayreuth University's Institute of African Studies in Germany in 2009.

Mohamed's profound humility and

his irresistible exuberance and friendliness can easily make you forget that you are in the presence of greatness when you meet him.

His constant greeting whenever we met was “*Siha* (how's your health)?” And he always delivered it with such lively vigour that I would find myself coming up with a strong “*thabiti* (great)!” even when I wasn't feeling so top of the world. His is what I would call a healing greeting.

I hope I will be able to reflect Mohamed's genuine human concern in my planned *Hazina ya Said Ahmed Mohamed*, based on our conversations in Bayreuth.

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Readers corner

Literary Discourse

Yes, we can still save our oral literature

BY MICHAEL MWANGI MACHARIA

The article titled ‘Fight to save oral literature’ by Franklin MuKembu (*Saturday Nation*, August 30) was interesting. It inspired me to react to the debate on whether or not oral literature is fading away.

It is true that when the subject was introduced in the 1980s, there was a bit of trepidation and excitement, too. Decades later, it is still examined in the KCSE. It is taught in our universities, too.

However, there may be less enthusiasm now because of its place in the KCSE exam, where it is tested alternatively with poetry.

Oral literature cannot die, being the spoken art that it is. Only its study can, due to new interests and technological shifts. There is, therefore, a need to re-examine its place in the contemporary society.

Most teachers still refer to *Oral Literature for Schools* by Kichamu Akivaga. Okumba Miruka has also done extensive research on the subject and written textbooks. There were also books based on specific communities. Ruth Finnegan had earlier done extensive research on oral literature in Africa.

Definitely, the ogre, girl and firewood narratives sound more like myths, especially in the urban set-up. So where do we find stories today?

Since families no longer congregate around the fireplace, stories are told on TV, radio and theatre. Politicians also weave stories and riddles in their speeches. Stories are also passed through the social media.

Shouldn’t stand-up comedy be regarded as a genre of oral literature today? Don’t children in towns engage in *mchongoano* sessions to bond and pass time? I have heard proverbs being used as entertainment and tongue twisters in advertising.

A research component of a few marks would go a long way in whipping the donkey back to its feet. What would happen if all the candidates sent in songs collected from their locality in a particular year? After all, occasions such as worship, bride price negotiations and weddings are still accompanied by song and dance.

It will not be surprising to find that oral literature is alive and well.

The writer lives in Laikipia

Introduce common exams for universities

BY FRANKLIN MUKEMBU

I have thought about the issue of examinations in the public and private universities for some time and I believe a common evaluation of students can bring about a degree of uniformity in the graduates we produce. The reason learners go through university is to produce an all-round professional. I wonder how we can ensure this without having a common examination for all the institutions of higher learning.

It would be prudent to have one exam set by lecturers drawn from the various institutions of higher learning so as to avoid bias and eliminate the possibility of hiring half-baked the professionals in various sectors of the economy. There can never be fair judgment if learners are not subjected to a uniform evaluation tool. It should be done in such a way that it portrays a high degree of validity and reliability.

The ministry of Higher Education should consider a review of the way student evaluation is done in all the institutions.

It would be fair to have a common examination if we want to have the quality and well-qualified personnel that our country needs and who can be accepted by industry both locally and internationally. If we let universities do it on their own, we are likely to lose credibility.

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We cannot drop Western ideas without replacement

BY COLLINS ODHIAMBO

Just a page after a lament about calls for the abandonment of ‘Western critical tools’ (*Saturday Nation*, August 30), there was an article subjecting the Cain Prize winning story, ‘My Father’s Head’, and other stories by the same author, to Freudian analysis.

In the climactic portion of ‘My Father’s Head’, the protagonist has to reconcile her feeling of sadness due to the death of a father with the rather unpleasant memory of him.

In the analysis, all this is placed in psychological perspective. Indeed, treating the author’s other stories as a single continuum, the analyst characterises fatherly sternness or cruelty (read authority) as representing the commanding superego.

This is pitted against the youngsters’ urge to experience life unfettered. The resultant tension, of course, yields filial resentment, which abides in the relationships.

In the award-winning story, the resolution consists in the eventual reconciling of the two contradictory feelings, “the id inviting the superego back in, but this time on its own terms”, as the analyst suitably puts it.

Now, who does not see the beauty of this bit of analysis? Freud-based dissection of literary works is such a fine thing! So is the treatment of these works on the basis of the other available critical tools, such as economic determinism, deconstructionism, structuralism, feminism, socio-historicism, cosmopolitanism, post-colonialism, and so on.

For the uninitiated, in these



Award-winning author Okwiri Oduor.

concepts the complexity of life is reasonably simplified. They are actually borrowed from wide-ranging disciplines; meaning, they are already well expounded on elsewhere, making them fit to be used as principles of elucidation. Their use yields faster, deeper and better appreciation of texts.

What irked Godwin Siundu, the owner of the above mentioned piece of lamentation, were views from certain quarters to the effect that these tools could well be irrelevant to the needs and realities of our region, and that we, therefore, need to cast them aside and fashion our own.

Mine then is to take a swipe at such thinkers. Siundu already made it clear that he is “suspicious of arguments that follow the rubric of ‘we need our own this and that’”. He wondered what else from the West we ought to reject.

Why would people who are active in the 21st century allow themselves to be carried away, however compelling the Independence story might have

been?

In my view, such calls are symptomatic of the clear-Africa-of-all-whites attitude, which, understandably, prevailed at Independence.

I say to minds that are still arrested in that segment of our history: the zeitgeist matters. It is only for this reason that I would say I have no quarrel with Sembene Ousmane, when he declares in *God’s Bits of Wood* that “if one of them is not gone then they are not gone” (This is in the context of the Bakayoko-inspired workers’ strike in the novel, which culminates in the elimination of white exploiters).

Surely, even Ngugi wa Thiong’o recognises in *The River Between*, which is set in the colonial period, that a middle-ground is the plausible resolution in a situation of cross-cultural conflict or willing mingling.

Thus it can only be disturbing to listen to calls for abandonment of the existing critical theories, especially on the flimsy basis that they are Western-made. This is such a thinly veiled expression of reverse racism!

To what extent shall we do this dropping of “Western” stuff? Of course, there was the craze of dropping “Western” names. Was it really worth it?

In a nutshell, the literary discipline would welcome additional critical tools, but it certainly will not let go of the finely useful ones. And, certainly, it is good practice always to discriminate thoughts as and when they enter or leave the privacy of our faculties.

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Regulations in proposed education Act should enhance the quality of learning

BY VIVERE NANDIEMO

The government’s proposal to introduce changes to the school calendar and learning hours is a move in the right direction. According to the Basic Education Act Regulations 2014, which is yet to be presented in Parliament for debate, the aim is to ensure that the education calendar is aligned to the government’s fiscal year.

This will see the first term beginning in September and end in November, second term running from January to March and third term from May to July. I hope this will do away with the bureaucratic red tape that has always delayed the disbursement of free primary and secondary school tuition funds adversely affecting the running of schools.

The regulations also require

learners to engage in a community outreach programme in a five-week break in August. This will be done under the supervision of Boards of Management in collaboration with the Parents Teachers Associations. If well implemented, this is a very progressive idea. It will enable the learners to fit in society and link the knowledge and skills learnt in schools to the dynamics of the society.

Official class hours will be from 8am to 3.30pm, while the students will participate in sports and clubs up to 4.45pm. In boarding schools, learners will be required to go to sleep at 9.30pm and wake up at 6am.

This is where schools often go wrong and make learning an unbearable experience for the young minds. Learners in boarding schools wake up as

early as 4am and begin classes as early as 5am and many end up sleeping as late as 11pm. In many day schools, learners arrive in schools as early as 6am and leave for home at 6pm. Going to school for them is a big punishment.

However, teachers are often oblivious of the adverse effects this experience has on learners.

It is imperative for teachers to stick to the hours stipulated for learning. Those who treat their students to rote learning give them a raw deal. While this has led to good performances in national exams, the reality is that the majority of learners who go through this kind of learning do not become productive.

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Magazines encourage creative writing

BY COSMAS MOGERE

When a friend recently visited secondary schools in western Kenya, he was shocked to learn that most teachers can barely compile an article. Also, schools do not have magazines. Based on these findings, he decided to introduce school magazines.

Lack of magazines in schools has impacted negatively on the performance in English. While a school magazine records the achievements, its activities and upcoming events give students a chance to enhance their writing skills.

Last year, the ministry of Education raised concern over poor performance in languages. But citing Sheng as a factor in the deteriorating mastery of language was wrong.

European schools run magazines with students as contributors, and offer prizes to the best writers.

Perhaps, this tells why the United Kingdom and the United States have some of the best authors in the world. Kenyan secondary schools need a model to tap the writing potential of students by introducing essay competitions and report writing.

These, alongside the delight of getting published in school magazines, will ignite the desire among students to write.

Our publishers will, as a result, find sufficient high-quality fiction content to publish. The creative writing industry will thus grow from strength to strength, producing more Caine Prize winners surpassing the current three.

While the Kenya National Archives stores all the drama festival performances, school magazines can record the individual efforts of students. When Kisii School, for instance, had a record university admission of 105 students, the story was published in the mainstream media but not in the school magazine.

It is unfortunate that compositions and essays are limited to class work and exams and not published in school magazines.

Currently, *The Caucasian Chalk Cycle*, *The River And The Source*, *Betrayal In The City* and *Damu Nyeusi* are setbooks, but I am yet to see a school magazine with stories or analyses on them. Universities, too, have literature departments but do not own literary magazines.

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THEATRE REVIEW | Fanaka Arts and Heartstrings lead in producing plays in local languages

Why vernacular plays rule the stage

Even though they are sometimes viewed as controversial, such plays still draw full houses to the theatre halls

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The use of vernacular on the Kenyan entertainment scene is on the rise, as the ever-lingering debate of tribalism continues to spark conversation around the country.

A Luo stand-up comedy show by Heartstrings Entertainment opened at the Alliance Française gardens last month to a monstrous audience. Earlier on in April, Arena Media held Nairobi's first Luo Festival, a first of a kind. The two-day event at Carnivore grounds presented to a varied audience an array of entertainment, including a fashion show, traditional dances, Luo comedy and music. Iddi Achieng', Lady Maureen, John Junior, Dola Kabari, Princess Jully and Makadem were among the top musicians, who performed at the festival.

Adhiambo Opondo, the head of operations at Arena Media, the production company that organised the Luo Festival, and which also stages Luo plays, says: "We want to appreciate our native people, but that doesn't exclude others. You don't have to be Luo to attend our productions."

Fanaka Arts Theatre's last Kikuyu play (staged in the first week of August), was *Nikii Wonire*. The director at Fanaka, Eric Ntung'u, confirms that their next production, a Kikuyu play, will be staged this month at Nairobi's Alliance Française.

Heartstrings Entertainment holds vernacular theatre or comedy shows every six weeks, each running six times for two weeks. Veteran director Sammy Mwangi confirms that Heartstring's main shows are in Kikuyu and Luo, with some in English. Mwangi directing plays in Luo with ease is thanks to his childhood brush with Luos while growing up in Eastlands.

"Even though I can't speak Luo, I understand it 100 per cent" he says. "Kenyans are bound to misinterpret use of vernacular in theatre and comedy, but I chose to work with vernacular more than English and Swahili because I am a producer and director first. Whatever I do is part of my job and I am qualified



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Michael Awiti as Osiany (left), Jessica Mac'Onyango as Maid (centre) and Steve Ogana as Jatelo in the Luo play *Kanungo e Teko* at the Kenya National Theatre on September 30, 2012. Plays in vernacular have become popular in Nairobi.

to do it; my tribe isn't a qualification.

"There are people who want to watch entertainment in vernacular; some don't understand English plays the way they relate to those in their vernacular. Nevertheless, I really wish I could have all our shows represent all the Kenyan tribes. But if I was to do a comedy in Taita, tell me how many Taitas are in Kenya and would attend? No matter the language, laughter and comedy is universal."

The question of whether vernacular theatre propagates negative tribalism is one directors cannot run away from. Sammy Mwangi says 70 per cent of the people who come to watch English and Swahili productions are a different lot

from the ones who fancy vernacular entertainment.

"All our productions, irrespective of the language, vary according to themes and seasons. For instance, the Luo stand-up comedy was simply about Luos, and not all Kenyans. It was modelled to have Luos speaking to Luos and not Luos speaking to Luo Kenyans. Only a particular tribe can holistically discuss their tribe's tendencies.

"As the makers of these productions, we are only providing a space for conversations, because it's easier for people of the same tribe to speak to, or ridicule, each other."

Reminiscing on Arena Media's past Luo plays at the Kenya National Theatre, Adhiambo Opondo, also an actress, says: "I learnt to express myself confidently in Luo while on stage. Additional to entertainment, vernacular plays give a chance to parents in urban areas to bring their children to learn the language and speak fluently." Arena Media also uses plays to correct societal ills "in a comical way," she adds.

Renowned theatre director Victor Ber (formerly of Heartstrings Theatre) says: "Tribalism is not a problem and it is not bad; what matters is understanding tribalism. I don't mind having a vernacular play if it isn't designed to attack or ridicule other tribes and national heritage." Ber confirms that he has plans to revive the late 90s hit, *Villages of Kenya* Festival — what he cites as the pioneer of vernacular entertainment

on the urban scene. Villages of Kenya would showcase comedy and plays in English and all Kenyan tribes.

"The festival at Alliance Française ran for a month and that's exactly how I want to bring it back, by end of this year or early 2015," says Ber, adding, "Nairobi is socially developed so we have learnt to trust almost anyone, regardless of tribe.

However, it will take a while for the rest of Kenyans to get accustomed to that. The more we stage vernacular shows, the more we will allow people to trust their tribes and cultivate a better understanding of tribe."

Theatre is like music

At the same time, Mwangi credits cultural centres like Alliance Française for the survival of theatre in the country. "Without finances to pay for space and the actors, I will be banking on people to buy tickets to fund upcoming productions, but I don't have to any more, as theatre lovers come in masses right now — which wasn't the case a few years ago."

Most of the Luo and Kikuyu plays that have been staged at the national theatre under Arena Media and Culture Spills Production were normally sold out. Adhiambo says: "The last Luo play we had was beautiful. Theatre is like music; you don't have to understand it. I actually watch Kikuyu plays and give feedback from understanding just the theatrics."

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Producer Sammy Mwangi

Music studio out to capture Nakuru market

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He started a music recording studio to curb the high number of artists moving from Nakuru to record their music in Nairobi and other towns. Having lived and worked in Nakuru for six years, Mr Jacob Mulanda discovered that the town lacked the essential facility.

So he bought equipment and opened a studio at section 58 in Nakuru, and Reall Records Productions was thus born.

When *Saturday Nation* visits the studio, his producer, who calls himself Chini ya Maji, welcomes us.



Mr Jacob Mulanda in studio

We find a number of young musicians doing their thing in different stages of recording their songs.

Mr Mulanda, who goes by the

stage name Jalemla, prefers the hip hop genre of music. "I grew up in an environment where I listened to a lot of hip hop music and the passion to make my own grew stronger every day," he says.

Born and brought up in the coastal region, Mr Mulanda moved to Nakuru six years ago.

"In Nakuru, I met a lot of talented people, who preferred to record their music in other towns. I knew I would make a difference by helping them record at a little fee," he said.

Before setting up the studio, Mr Mulanda says that he experienced a number of challenges.

"I was rejected in all the studios

I went to record my music mostly because I could not raise the high amount they asked for. So when I got my first job, I immediately started saving for equipment.

"After saving for some months, I had enough to buy equipment and start a recording studio. Although raising the money was not easy, I was determined to succeed," he says.

In the song *Cancer*, his biggest hit so far, Mulanda advises people of all ages to go for cancer screening.

"I decided to do this after learning that 20,000 people were dying daily globally of cancer. Early screening will reduce the number of deaths," he says.

WEEK'S PICK

TODAY

MADHOUSE REVIVAL NIGHT

For the former revellers of Nairobi's New Florida Night Club, (Madhouse), a night to remember the club dubbed 'Madhouse Revival' will be held tonight at Florida 2000 along Moi Avenue. The show runs from 9pm until dawn.

DINNER THEATRE AT KAREN

Arts Canvas will this evening host a dinner theatre at Karen Country Club. It will feature six short plays and six tall actors. Performers include Katy Bingham, Kaz, and Mumbi Kaigwa.

ALAINE LIVE SHOW



A music show featuring Jamaican music star Alaine is on this evening at Nairobi's Cabanas Park. Kenyan artistes Juacali, Redsan and Wyre will also perform at the show to last from 2pm to dawn.

KIDS FESTIVAL IN NAKURU

The Kids Festival on Wheels hosted by Churchill will be held tomorrow at the Nakuru Show Ground. The event, featuring children's entertainment, will start at 10am and end at 5pm.

PLATINUM SATURDAY

The Platinum Bistro at Maasai Mall, Ongata Rongai, will host the "Platinum Saturday Shakedown" tonight, featuring DJs R2D2 and K@ce. Entry will be free.

APARNA AND CREW SHOW

The Tamambo at Village Market in Gigiri, Nairobi, will tonight host Aparna with Danger's Crew. It will be a night of acoustic soul featuring musician Aparna. The show will start at 8.30pm. Entrance will be free.

TOMORROW

BLANKETS AND WINE CONCERT



The 55th edition of Blankets and Wine show will be held tomorrow at the Carnivore Grounds in Nairobi. Those to perform include Anto Neosoul, Andrew Wambua and Dela. The show will start at 1pm and end at 10pm.

SEPTEMBER 8

K1 BACK TO THE 80'S

K1 Klub House at Parklands hosts The Ultimate Back to the 80's every Monday night with DJs Charlie and Eve. The show goes back in time with 70s, 80s and early 90s hits. It's theme is 'Forever Young.'

SEPTEMBER 10

MEXICAN GUITARIST IN NAIROBI

Mexican guitarist Paco Renteria will perform at the Louis Leakey Auditorium at the National Museums of Kenya in Nairobi next Wednesday. The show will start at 6.30pm. Entrance will be free.

SEPTEMBER 12

SIGNATURE SHOW IN ELDORET

Signature Club in Eldoret Town hosts the 'Eazy Fridei' show every Friday. Also lined up is 'Saturday Express' and 'Dancehall Reggae Sunday.' On Tuesdays, its 'Karaoke Nights' and on Wednesdays it is Campus Night.

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WORLD



US CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO 'DESTROY' IS

Washington says there is no time to waste in thwarting ISIS threat. **Page 44**

EU pledges \$183m to fight deadly virus in west Africa

BRUSSELS, Friday

The European Union on Friday announced 140 million euros (\$183 million) in funds to fight the deadly Ebola virus in West Africa, a sharp increase over its previous aid as the outbreak worsens.

The commission said the aid was necessary to boost measures to stop the "worst ever outbreak of the epi-

demic" from ravaging Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

"Today the commission is unveiling

1,841

Ebola death toll according to WHO

a 140-million-euro package of funding for all the countries currently affected by the Ebola virus," European Commission spokesman David Sharrock told reporters.

The aid is designed to boost over-stretched health services, fund mobile laboratories for detecting the disease, safeguard the provision of food, water and sanitation as well as help the broader economy and strengthen

overall public services.

"An essential part of halting the epidemic is getting support to the health services," said Sharrock, spokesman for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.

About a third of the assistance would go towards strengthening healthcare systems in affected countries, he said. (AFP)

Floods in Niger kill 28, affect 51,000 people

NIAMEY, Friday

At least 28 people have been killed and more than 51,000 affected by flooding in Niger after heavy rains in June inundated swathes of the impoverished nation, the UN said on Thursday.

The weather has destroyed more than 4,500 homes and more than 250 acres (100 hectares) of fields and gardens, according to data from the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Niamey.

The figures are sharply higher than the last UN estimates on August 12, which said 12 people had died and 27,000 had been affected by the flooding.

Floods are an annual problem in Niger as seasonal rains often cause streams and rivers to burst their banks, sweeping away homes and destroying crops.

Niger ranks at the bottom of the UN Human Development Index, with more than 60 per cent of the population living below the poverty line.

Most of the country has been hit by the floods, with the exception of the eastern desert region, home to more than 80,000 refugees who have fled violence in neighbouring Nigeria.

The government launched an appeal for aid in mid-August for those affected by the rising waters. (AFP)

HEALTH CRISIS | International community in efforts to combat haemorrhagic fever

World experts race to deploy test drugs for the killer virus

WHO assures measures are in place to accelerate the clinical trials

GENEVA, Friday

World health experts honed in Friday on a handful of unproven drugs they hope might turn the lethal tide of Ebola, as key figures urged that funds go for frontline crisis care in some of the world's poorest states.

On the second and last day of talks in Geneva, the World Health Organization-led group discussed fast-tracking two potential vaccines and eight potential therapies, including the drug ZMapp that has been used on a handful of frontline workers.

With no fully tested treatments for Ebola, the WHO has endorsed rushing out potential cures like ZMapp — a call echoed by African doctors battling the epidemic that has taken some 1,900 lives so far.

"Everybody keeps asking why isn't this medication made available to our people out there?" Samuel Kargbo, from Sierra Leone's ministry of health, told AFP.

The WHO said "extraordinary measures" were in place to accelerate the pace of clinical trials — but admitted, even that would likely not allow "widespread use before end of 2014".

“

Everybody keeps asking why isn't this medication made available to our people out there”

Sierra Leone health official Samuel Kargbo

STATISTICS

Many deaths unreported

WHO chief Margaret Chan told reporters in Washington on Wednesday the death toll was "more than 1,900".

The WHO, in an official toll on Thursday, counted 1,841 deaths, out of a total of 3,685 cases in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Another seven people died in Nigeria out of 22 cases, while one case has been confirmed in Senegal, it said.

Abdulsalami Nasidi, project director at the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, nevertheless said the Geneva discussion "gives a lot of hope to Africans affected and those in panic".

ZMapp has been given to about 10 infected health workers, including Americans and



Europeans, of whom three have recovered.

Current stocks are exhausted, but the WHO said a few hundred doses could potentially be ready by the end of the year.

But beyond experimental drugs, the key to controlling the outbreak, which began in Guinea and has spread to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, was manpower and medical basics.

On Friday the European Union released 140 million euros in aid to combat the disease, a day after the United States offered an additional \$75 million to buy beds and bolster treatment centres.

"What is needed? It is health workers. We need treatment centres. We need more, especially

in Liberia. Definitely, we need people who will be in treatment centres, but there is also a need for supplies," WHO spokesman Tarik Jasarevic said at a Friday briefing.

The crisis has stirred a fierce debate about how the world should have responded after first reports trickled out from some of the world's poorest countries with dilapidated medical infrastructure.

In a commentary in The Lancet medical journal published on Friday, Georgetown University's Lawrence Gostin said the outbreak could have been stopped short if authorities had followed WHO guidelines on global health emergencies. (AFP)

Medical workers of the Liberian Red Cross, carry the body of a victim of the Ebola virus on Thursday in the small city of Banjul, 30 kilometres off Monrovia. World health experts on Friday mulled over dispatching experimental Ebola drugs to affected regions

PHOTO | AFP

Ivory Coast bars officials over virus

BY KEMO CHAM
Nation Correspondent
FREETOWN, Friday

Three match officials of the Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) were left stranded in Freetown on Thursday after they were barred from flying to Abidjan.

SLFA officials said all the airlines refused to sell them tickets on the basis of a circular by the Ivorian government.

The Sierra Leoneans are scheduled to lock horns with their Ivorian counterparts as part of the ongoing qualifying rounds for the Africa Nations Cup, scheduled for Morocco next year. The officials barred include the Vice-President of SLFA, Brima Kamara.



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PEACE DEAL | Move by rivals brings to an end a two-year conflict



Mozambican National Resistance leader Alfonso Dhlakama is welcomed upon his arrival at Maputo International Airport on Thursday. Mozambique president Armando Guebuza and the rebel leader signed a ceasefire on Friday.
PHOTO | AFP

Maputo foes sign truce

Attacks during conflict period saw over 100 people killed

MAPUTO, Friday

Mozambique's president and a rebel leader signed a landmark peace deal in Maputo on Friday, ending a two-year conflict that has rekindled memories of the country's brutal civil war. President Armando Guebuza and Mozambican rebel Renamo leader Alfonso Dhlakama, who came out of hiding on Thursday, signed the deal in front of around 100 diplomats and dignitaries, an

AFP reporter witnessed. The two leaders embraced prompting jubilant cries and clapping from those gathered. For two years, government forces and fighters loyal to Dhlakama have clashed, with the rebel leader accusing the state of reneging on a peace deal that ended Mozambique's brutal civil war.

Civil war

Around one million died as a result of the 15-year conflict, which ended in 1992. In the recent clashes, Dhlakama's supporters attacked buses and cars on the main north-south highway and government forces raided his bush hide out, in a low-

level but deadly insurgency. The two men led a minute's silence for those killed over the past two years. The authorities have maintained a blanket of silence over the number of casualties, but civil society groups estimate more than 100 people have been killed. "Today is a very important day for our people," president Guebuza said. "Our people waited patiently for this day, knowing solutions to our problems were to be found through dialogue." Dhlakama returned to Maputo in a symbolic end to the crisis, which had also spooked investors. (AFP)


LETTER FROM AMERICA | Randall Smith

To end cycle of violence, history must play a role in foreign policy

Do terrorist acts dissuade America? For the last month, a group of radicals have been executing American journalists in the Syrian desert in an effort to stop President Obama from taking military action against them. All of the victims have been beheaded on camera. Next up for execution is an innocent British captive. America's answer can be found this week in southern Somalia, where the American military targeted the Al-Shabaab leadership that planned the brutal attack on the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi about one year ago. American memory is long and the military reach is longer. Despite the war in Ukraine, there is evidence to suggest that not only the Americans, but the Chinese and Russians are working together to subvert terrorism that has been spawned by the ISIS radicals in Syria and Iraq. Global reaction Funding is being cut off around the world; terrorist recruiters are being arrested in countries like Belarus; Britain will send guns and perhaps the army; Germany is sending rifles; suspects are being picked up in the Middle East- witness arrests in Saudi Arabia. America is launching planes and drones. The reaction to ISIS is far greater than to Ebola, which has killed nearly 2,000 and is out of control on the African continent, according to international health

organizations. It is far greater than the reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which has killed 2,600, according to press accounts. The question is not will America and the world respond to terrorism in the Middle East. The question is what has been learned? Before there was Israel, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, there was the Ottoman Empire. It was a great stretch of land conquered and ruled for over 600 years by what we call Turkey today. The war to end all wars, World War I, ended with the British and the French dividing the Ottoman Empire into the countries that we now recognize. The British took Iraq. The French took Syria and Lebanon - and so on. It was the work, primarily, of two men who had no real understanding of what they were doing. Yet, the people of these countries did not change identities. They remain Sunnis, Shias and Kurds. And they remain at odds. This is a fact that the terrorists understand and play upon. It is not a fact that is remembered well by the West. America will not forget the recent victims of terrorism, and it's likely that the perpetrators will soon be dealt justice. But will the cycle of violence end? Not likely. Not until the context of history and geography play a role in the foreign policy.

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National Transport and Safety Authority

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Mombasa road	City Cabanas flyover
Lang'ata road	KWS gate
Ngong road	Nakumatt Junction
Naivasha road	From Nakumatt Junction – Uthiru turn-off
Waiyaki way	Junction of James Gichuru road
Peponi road	Mobil Petrol Station
Limuru road	The Mini Market, Muthaiga
Northern bypass	Nyayo Barracks roundabout
Kiambu road	Ridgeways
Kangundo road	Ruai Trading centre
Thika Road	Utalii Drift

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UNREST | Combat rages in eastern hotspots ahead of meeting in Minsk

Fighting in Ukraine despite talks

Ukraine, Russia, pro-Russian insurgents expected to sign ceasefire and end conflict

MARIUPOL, Ukraine, Friday

Heavy combat raged on the outskirts of the strategic Ukrainian port city of Mariupol on Friday, threatening to undermine talks aimed at sealing a ceasefire after almost five months of conflict.

The main eastern rebel hub of Donetsk also came under sustained shelling overnight after several days of calm, AFP journalists said, with at least five civilians reported killed.

Mariupol has become the latest flashpoint in the insurgency as pro-Russian rebels wage a counter-offensive that has seen swathes of land across the southeast seized from government forces in just a matter of days.

Major onslaught

Residents of the government-held city on the Sea of Azov have been digging in for fear of a major onslaught by the rebels, apparently backed by Russian troops and firepower.

AFP journalists witnessed heavy fire from the east of the city on Friday, with Ukrainian volunteer militias reporting attacks on several checkpoints by insurgents backed by tanks.

“The situation is quite tense,” said a fighter with the pro-Kiev volunteer Azov Battalion who identified himself only as “Zhivchick”.

“This is war, and you never know what is going to happen in the next 10 or 15 minutes,” he told AFP.

“We are awaiting orders... we are ready to move towards Novoazovsk to



A man repairs the damage to a building caused by shelling in Donetsk, on Friday. Ukraine was set to sign a Kremlin-backed truce with insurgents.

reclaim our territory,” he said, referring to a seaside town near the Russian border seized by rebels last week.

He said reconnaissance patrols out from Mariupol had seen five tanks, armoured vehicles and trucks.

Any seizure of the industrial city would be key to creating a land corridor between Russia and the Crimean peninsula annexed by Moscow in March.

AFP journalists also reported shelling through the night in and around Donetsk, the biggest city held by the rebels in the largely Russian-speaking industrial east.

Ukrainian government forces had been besieging Donetsk for weeks in their battle to rout the separatist fighters but have now pulled back in the face of the insurgent advance.

Donetsk city council said that five civilians were killed in the overnight shelling and another nine wounded.

In the northern district of Gladkovka, residents said more than a dozen shells had fallen on Thursday.

“We heard the bombs,” recounted Nikolai, 25, who did not want to give his surname.

“We threw ourselves to the ground, and a second or two later there were more explosions. One landed in the street, the next one hit a building.”

While the source of the bombardments was not known, the area is not far from Donetsk airport, where loyalists forces remain in control.

The renewed fighting comes despite hopes that talks in the Belarussian capital Minsk later Friday on a peace plan unveiled by Russian

PEACE SEARCH

Ceasefire hopes remain alive

The renewed fighting comes despite hopes that talks in the Belarussian capital Minsk later Friday on a peace plan unveiled by Russian President Vladimir Putin will lead to a ceasefire.

Russia denies it has any involvement in the conflict but Western leaders are expected to announce a raft of fresh sanctions against Moscow on Friday if no peace deal is agreed.

President Vladimir Putin will lead to a ceasefire.

Russia denies it has any involvement in the conflict but Western leaders are expected to announce a raft of fresh sanctions against Moscow on Friday if no peace deal is agreed. (AFP)

Deadly cobra puts Dutch town on alert

THE HAGUE, Friday

A small southern Dutch town has been put on high alert after a deadly cobra escaped from its enclosure, prompting authorities to urge residents to keep their windows closed and their children inside.

The Drimmelen municipality issued a general alert on Friday after a highly-venomous Cape cobra disappeared from a terrarium of a local collector in the nearby hamlet of Made, near the southern city of Breda on Thursday evening.

The reptile, which has a reputation for easily striking out when threatened, was last seen on Wednesday.

Deadly reptile

“The cobra has fangs and a single bite can be deadly to humans,” the Drimmelen municipality warned on its website.

“Residents in the area have been advised to keep their doors and windows shut.

“Parents are advised not to let their children play outside, but to escort them inside at once,” a statement said.

Two reptile experts were at the scene and conducting a snake-hunt, a town official told the NOS public broadcaster on Friday.

There are no deadly indigenous snakes in the Netherlands and only the rarely encountered common viper has a poisonous bite.

Cape cobras are found mainly in southwestern South Africa and have a potentially deadly neurotoxic venom that requires immediate treatment with an anti-venom. (AFP)

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2014**

INCOME	NOTES	2014
Members of Parliament & Senate		KSHS
Members of County Assembly		4,555,000
By Election		178,000
TOTAL		20,000
		<u>4,753,000</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Administrative Expenses	3	3,974,291
Workshop ,Conference and Meetings		291,000
Recruitment & Mobilization		54,000
Advertising & Publicity		51,250
TOTAL		<u>4,370,541</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>382,459</u>

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH JUNE 2014**

NON-CURRENT ASSETS	NOTES	2014
Properties,Plant & Equipment	2	KSHS
CURRENT ASSETS		1,355,891
Cash and Bank Balances		1,573,719
CURRENT LIABILITIES		-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,573,719</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,929,610</u>

2. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Computer & Accessories	Furniture & Fittings	Equipments	Total
Cost				
AS AT 1/7/2013	1,767,874	43,197	92,094	1,903,165
TOTAL	1,767,874	43,197	92,094	1,903,165
Depreciation During Year	530,362	5,400	11,512	547,274
NET BOOK VALUE AS AT 30/6/2014	<u>1,237,512</u>	<u>37,797</u>	<u>80,582</u>	<u>1,355,891</u>

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Torrential rains kill 89 in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan, Friday

Two days of torrential monsoon rains have killed at least 89 people in Pakistan, officials said on Friday, as authorities ordered the evacuation of low-lying areas around a major river.

The deaths have all come in the most populous province Punjab and in Pakistani-administered Kashmir, with most caused by roof collapses and electric shocks.

Pakistan has suffered deadly monsoon floods for the last four years — in 2013, 178 people were killed and around 1.5 million affected by flooding.

Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority warned there was a high risk of flooding in three towns along the Chenab river in Punjab and asked people to leave low-lying and vulnerable areas.

Troops have been mobilised for flood relief duties in eastern Punjab and “will remain on standby in Lahore,” the provincial capital.

Eight army helicopters and 80 boats are taking part in rescue operations around the province, the military said.

Images from Lahore, Pakistan's second-largest city, showed some major streets and the Gaddafi cricket stadium flooded. (AFP)

NATO SUMMIT | Washington seeks broad international coalition to crush the Islamic State

United States calls for unity to ‘destroy’ IS

Allies in plans on how to extend immediate support to a new Iraqi government

NEWPORT, UK, Friday

The United States on Friday called for the creation of a broad international coalition against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria by the time of the UN General Assembly this month.

“There is no time to waste in building a broad international coalition to degrade and, ultimately, to destroy the threat posed by ISIL,” Secretary of State John Kerry and Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said in a joint statement.

Britain and the United States chaired talks with defence and foreign ministers from eight other allies: Australia, Canada,

Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Turkey.

The statement said the formation of a new Iraqi government would be critical and added the US was hopeful this could happen “over the coming days.”

“We discussed in detail how Nato allies can extend immediate support to a new government,” the statement said.

It listed some of the measures as offering military support to the Iraqi government; stopping the flow of foreign jihadist fighters; taking action against IS funding; addressing the humanitarian crisis; and “de-legitimising” IS ideology.

“We will form a multinational task force to share more information about the flow of foreign fighters,” it said, after an extremist speaking with a British accent was shown beheading two US kidnapped journalists and threatening a British hostage.

In a transcript released by US



PHOTO | AFP

US President Barack Obama and Britain's PM David Cameron (right) attend a meeting on the second day of the Nato 2014 Summit at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, South Wales, on Friday. Nato leaders are expected to announce fresh sanctions against Russia.

officials of Kerry's comments at the meeting, the diplomat said: “We must be able to have a plan together by the time we come to UNGA (UN General Assembly)” later this month.”

“They're not as organised as everybody thinks,” he said, referring to IS. “And we have the technology, we have the know-how. What we need is obviously the willpower to make certain that we are steady and stay at this.”

“We need to attack them in ways that prevent them from tak-

ing over territory, that bolster the Iraqi security forces, others in the region who are prepared to take them on, without committing troops of our own,” he said.

Meanwhile British Prime Minister David Cameron urged Nato allies not to pay ransoms for kidnapped nationals.

IS militants in Iraq and Syria are currently holding a British man hostage and threatened to kill him in a video this week which showed a US journalist being killed. (AFP)

“

We will form a task force to share more information about the flow of foreign fighters”

US statement

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KISII COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED EXCISION AND CHANGE OF USER

TAKE NOTICE that the Kisii County Assembly has approved the proposal by the County Government of Kisii to excise sixty (60) acres of Land from Nyangweta Forest in South Mugirango being part of parcel Number **South Mugirango/Nyataaro/2358** for the establishment of a sugar cane factory.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Physical planning Act, cap 286 and the Forest Act, 2005 (Third schedule), individual members of the public, institutions or organizations etc are hereby invited to submit their comments and objections to the office of Executive Committee Member, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development situated at Kisii County Lands Office, **Box 4550-40200** or to the County Secretary within Sixty days (60) from the date of this **Notice**.

This notice also serves as a notification of intended change of user of the subject land measuring 60 acres from **Forest** to **Industrial purposes**.

Copies of the publicized Notice are available for inspection free of charge at the offices of the County Secretary, Kisii County Headquarters, Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, Sub-County Administrator - Nyamarambe, Ward Administrator - Moticho and the local Chief's Office.

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LUFTHANSA GROUNDS 200 FLIGHTS IN PILOTS' STRIKE

Germany's biggest airline workers in fresh walk-out protesting changes in retirement policy. **Page 47**

DEVOLUTION | Money will be sent in instalments, the first amount of Sh28bn to be wired immediately

Bill gives Treasury nod to start paying out Sh227bn

President assents to the County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2014, allowing devolved units to start receiving money in tranches

BY PETER LEFTIE

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“Counties return funds to the Treasury because the cash comes at the end of a financial year”

Vihiga Senator
George Khaniri

President Kenyatta has signed into law the County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2014, giving the Treasury the green light to disburse Sh227 billion allocated for devolution in the current financial year.

The Head of State's legal assent yesterday allows for the equitable allocation of revenue raised by the National Government for the 2014/15 financial year among the 47 counties.

It facilitates the transfer of allocations made to the county governments from the consoli-

dated fund to the respective county revenue funds.

“Each county government's allocation under subsection (1) shall be transferred to the respective County Revenue Fund in accordance with a payment schedule approved by the Senate and gazetted by the Cabinet Secretary (National Treasury) in terms of section 17 of the Public Finance Management Act,” the Act noted.

Counties suffer

The money will be released in instalments, with the first tranche of Sh28 billion set to be wired immediately. This brings to an end months of antagonism between the two levels of government that saw county operations suffer.

Senate Speaker Ekwee Ethuro submitted the Bill to the President for assent together with National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich and Clerk of the Senate Jeremiah

Nyegenye.

The Bill was passed by the Senate on September 2 after the House was recalled from recess in order to speed up release of funds.

According to the Bill, the National Treasury is required to publish a monthly report on the actual transfers of all allocations made to county governments.

The six counties at the Coast will receive a total of Sh23.2 billion this financial year to finance their operations.

Kilifi County will get the lion's share of Sh6.4 billion, followed by Mombasa County (Sh4.5 billion), Kwale (Sh4.4 billion), Tana River (Sh3.4 billion), and Taita Taveta (Sh2.8 billion). Lamu

Sh7bn

The amount Lamu County will get. Nairobi City County will, on the other hand, get Sh11.3 billion

County has the lowest allocation of Sh1.7 billion.

Nairobi County would get Sh11.3 billion, Turkana Sh9.1 billion, Kakamega Sh7.7 billion, Mandera Sh7.7 billion and Bungoma Sh7.3 billion, according to figures released by Treasury Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge.

Difficult to spend

Other counties that got big chunks are Nakuru (Sh7 billion), Kiambu (Sh6.4 billion) and Kitui (Sh6.3 billion).

Senators, led by Mr George Khaniri (Vihiga), had appealed to the Treasury to move with speed and disburse the funds, saying, business in the counties had stalled because of delay in passing the Bill.

“Counties have had to return funds to the Treasury because the cash comes towards the end of a financial year, making it difficult for governors to spend it,” Mr Khaniri said.

Sh5bn of NIC corporate bond to meet Central Bank capital rules

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

NIC Bank will spend up to Sh5 billion it has raised through the recently issued corporate bond to finance expansion and meet higher capital requirements that have been introduced by the Central Bank.

The bond, which had sought to raise Sh3 billion, received bids worth Sh6.5 billion as investors' showcased huge interests in the mid-tier lender.

The bank's managing director, Mr John Gachora (below), said the bond issue is part of a major capital-raising programme in a bid to raise lending to corporate clients and enhance branch channels to reach more retail and small and medium enterprise (SME) customers across East Africa.



“This is a major milestone in support of our corporate strategy, which calls for robust capital levels and a sustainable funding programme. The money raised is critical in strengthening our capital base so as to support growth in our loan book for both the SME and corporate segments,” Mr Gachora said in a statement.

The bond issue, which is the first one under the Sh8 billion Medium Term Note (MTN) programme was upsized to Sh5 billion from the original Sh3 billion.

The bond received offers of Sh6.5 billion, representing a 30 per cent oversubscription over the upsized amount of Sh5 billion and has a yield of 12.5 per cent.

Increasing appetite

“We saw a big appetite for the medium-term note with investors taking advantage of the opportunity. There is an increasing appetite and acceptance of corporate bonds as an alternative source of funding for Kenyan Companies,” NIC Capital's managing director, Mr Maurice Opiyo, said.

The bank also plans to raise Sh2 billion through a rights issue subject to approval from the Capital Markets Authority.

The bond is to start trading on the fixed income segment of the Nairobi Securities Exchange on September 15.

MARKETING | Vivo Energy's month-long Happy Hour campaign comes to an end



Motorists queue for free fuel at a Shell station next to Nakumatt Junction, Ngong Road in Nairobi. It marked the end of Vivo Energy's Happy Hour campaign whereby motorists fuelled for free for one hour at select stations for the last one month. The month-long plan was aimed at giving motorists a chance to sample Vivo Energy's new fuels — Shell FuelSave Unleaded and Shell FuelSave Diesel that replaced Shell Diesel Extra and Shell Unleaded Extra. The freebie coupled with rainy weather caused a heavy traffic snarl-up on the road yesterday.

SALATON NJAU | NATION

Mumias seeks Sh300m from sugar board to pay dues

BY NATION REPORTER

Listed miller Mumias Sugar has approached the Kenya Sugar Board for a Sh300 million loan to offset a debt it owes cane farmers. The payment would help avert a looming strike that threatens to cripple its business.

Company chairman Dan Ameyo said the sugar miller resorted to the industry regulator because borrow-

ing from commercial banks was too expensive and would have led to accumulation of more debt.

“That (commercial banks) was an expensive route that could have seen us incur huge interest rates and more costs,” Mr Ameyo said.

The regulator had earlier extended a Sh500 million loan to the company to finance its business.

Mr Ameyo said the firm had suf-

fered severely from cane poaching and illegal sugar imports from Sudan, which drastically eroded its revenues.

The miller has so far paid farmers Sh700 million and promised to clear the remaining Sh300 million dues in the next 10 days.

The company has been restructuring its top brass with a view to improve efficiency and turn around

its financial fortunes.

Last week, it announced the suspension of 27 junior and senior managers in its agricultural department, who are alleged to have been involved in malpractices in the course of their duties.

“The exercise is in line with bringing back the image of Mumias and restoring confidence with the farmers,” Mr Ameyo said.

HEARING | Thin SIM technology row



DIANA NGILA | NATION

Finserve Africa Chief Officer for Finance, Innovation and Technology John Stanley and chairman John Waweru during a hearing in which Safaricom and Equity Bank appeared before a House committee over Equity's roll-out of telcom services using thin SIM. Finserve is an Equity branch.

USIU signs deal with drug firm

BY NATION
CORRESPONDENT

The United States International University Africa has entered into a partnership that will see its pharmacy students undertake internship at a UK drugs company.

In a statement to newsrooms yesterday, Glaxo SmithKline (GSK) managing director John Musunga said that under the agreement, pharmacy programme students at USIU would benefit from the professional practical sessions at the drug company.

USIU-Africa vice-chancellor Freida Brown noted that health systems all over the continent are vulnerable to epidemics such as Ebola that has so far infected 3,000

people in West Africa, hence the need to improve medical care through world-class training.

"I commend GSK for developing a trial vaccine for Ebola, I believe that the university's collaboration with the multinational will enable students to interact with the company's experienced researchers," Prof Brown said.

Students will also study manufacturing processes involved in developing GSK products in a framework

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Number of students in USIU's first class of pharmacy students

assessed by staffers and programme faculty, she added.

The five-year Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy programme at USIU-Africa, which is awaiting final review by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, is expected to commence in January 2015, with an initial class of 60 students.

Do their practicals

The degree programme will benefit from nine modern laboratories in the new school of science and technology building erected at a cost of over Sh500 million.

The university also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Machakos County on August 29 to allow students do their practicals at the county's Level 5 Hospital.

CALL | Poor borrowers have 30 days to repay or negotiate

Youth fund plans to blacklist defaulters

Decision likely to see thousands of young people denied loans in other financial institutions

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The youth fund will forward names of all beneficiaries who are not servicing their loans to credit reference bureaus.

The decision will see thousands of youths denied credit in local financial institutions.

In a newspaper advert yesterday, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund said it is in the process of registering with Credit Reference Bureaus (CRB) so as to take action against defaulters, whose failure to repay loans has denied others Kenyans from benefiting from the scheme.

"Loans that have not been paid as per loan agreements will be listed (including those

advanced to financial institutions)," the fund's chief executive officer, Ms Catherine Namuye (below, left), said.

Youths with non-performing loans have been given 30 days to repay or present themselves to the fund's office to agree on an acceptable repayment plan.

The fund was established in 2006 to provide loans to youth enterprises with a view to enable them start businesses and help reduce unemployment.

It funds young people in the 18-to-35-year age bracket. Kenyans in this age group are estimated to be 13 million and account for 61 per cent of the unemployed people in Kenya.

The fund was transformed into a State Corporation in May 2007.

Since its establish-

ment, the organisation has issued loans worth Sh10.6 billion to 263,000 youth-run enterprises across the country.

It charges borrowers 8.5 per cent interest rate per year.

The fund was, however, yet to disclose the amount of money in default by the time of going to press.

"Loans listed with CRB will remain on record for a period of five years, even after the loans are fully paid," the fund further said.

Information sharing

Blacklisting defaulters will be a boon for CRBs that have been casting their nets wider to incorporate entities such as development finance institutions, Saccos, credit only Micro Finance Institutions, the Higher Education Loans Board, telcoms, utility providers and manufacturers, among others, in the information sharing mechanism.

Currently, commercial banks and microfinanciers rely on customers' credit rating information to determine the premium to charge on interest rates and whether or not to give loans.

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Loans that have not been paid as per loan agreements will be listed (including those advanced to financial institutions)"

Youth fund boss Catherine Namuye



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PUBLIC AUCTION
Under instructions received from the CHARGE, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned property.

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All that parcel of land known as L.R. 27409, GREENPARK ESTATE, HOUSE NO. FB 029A MAVOKO MUNICIPALITY Registered in the name of ANTHONY MAGANDA CHACHA & RUTH MUTHONI NJIHA of P.O. BOX P. O BOX 78476-00507 Nairobi.
The property is situated along and to the left of Nairobi-Mombasa road, Athi River area, Machakos County. It is easily identified as Green Park Estate. The subject is easily identified as House No. 029W within the Estate. This is a gated community with good security.
Erected therein is a four bedroom bungalow each house has its own registered lease. Boundaries are marked by dressed natural stones perimeter wall. Access to the property is left open. Mains electricity and water are connected to the property. It's within a commuter zone of Nairobi city.

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1.	KBJ 925E	ISUZU MATATU NKR 25 SEATER	BUS
2.	KBT 778F	TOYOTA IPSUM	S/WAGON
3.	KBS 991S	NISSAN TILDA	S/WAGON
4.	KAQ 988E	MAZDA HUSTLER	PICK-UP
5.	KBR 692R	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	S/WAGON
6.	KBW 752X	NISSAN AD	S/WAGON
7.	KBJ 016T	BMW 318 I	S/WAGON
8.	KBT 052V	IVECO HEARSE	CARAVAN
9.	KBN 145S	TOYOTA MARK II	SALOON
10.	KAK 358X	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	S/WAGON
11.	KBM 942M	MITSUBISHI PAJERO IO	S/WAGON
12.	KAE 014Q	PEUGEOT 405	S/WAGON
13.	KBW 072J	TOYOTA HILUX	PICK UP
14.	KBN 176Y	TOYOTA PROBOX	S/WAGON
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16.	KBL 370F	TOYOTA WISH	S/WAGON

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TRANSPORT CRISIS | Industrial action is focused on the country’s biggest airport in Frankfurt and could hit 25,000 travellers

Lufthansa flights grounded in new pilots’ walk-out

Six-hour strike called to protest at planned retirement policy change

FRANKFURT, Friday
Lufthansa, Germany’s biggest airline, yesterday cancelled 2,000 flights, affecting 25,000 passengers, ahead of a pilots’ strike to be held later yesterday.
The pilots’ union Vereinigung Cockpit has called for a six-hour walk-out between 5pm and 11pm (1500-2100 GMT) over plans to change the airline’s early retirement policy.
The industrial action is focused on the country’s biggest airport in Frankfurt and will ground most domestic

and regional flights.
Lufthansa said individual flights would already be cancelled as early as 1.30pm (1130 GMT) and most flights from 4pm (1400 GMT).
The airline promised to try and minimise the impact of the strike for customers. It said it had been able to inform most of the affected passengers on Thursday by publishing an emergency flight plan online and sending text messages to 14,000 travellers.
Lufthansa said it had reserved 2,200 hotel rooms in the Rhine-Main area as a precaution and both it and airport operator Fraport had set up some 500 field beds for passengers in transit who are not allowed to enter Germany for visa reasons.



PHOTO | AFP

A plane of Lufthansa’s low-cost subsidiary, Germanwings, takes off on August 28 from Hannover’s airport. Lufthansa’s pilots are fighting a plan by the company to raise the minimum retirement age and involve them in financing their pensions.

200
Number of flights cancelled by Lufthansa affecting 25,000 travellers

Lufthansa staff would also hand out refreshments and snacks to passengers at the airport. “We are mobilising all our capacities in order to minimise the effects of the strike on our passengers. This is very difficult on a Friday afternoon at the end of the school holidays in three German states, as this is one of the busiest travel days

of the year,” board member Kay Kratky said.
Lufthansa pilots can currently take paid early retirement from the age of 55. They are fighting a plan by the airline to raise the minimum age and to involve pilots in the financing of their pensions.
Last Friday, more than 100 flights were cancelled at several

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Lufthansa board member Kay Kratky

of Germany’s main airports as pilots of Lufthansa’s low-cost airline Germanwings also walked out.
And, on Monday, a union for German train drivers called for a three-hour walkout to turn up the pressure on management of the national rail operator Deutsche Bahn in gridlocked wage talks. (AFP)

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE					
Last 12 Mths		Security	Prices		
High	Low		Yesterday	Previous	Shares
Agricultural					
36.75	23.50	Eaagads Ord 1.25	34.00	32.50	1,000
180.00	81.00	Kakuzi Ord 5.00	161.00	147.00	500
167.00	110.00	Kapchorua Tea Co Ord 5.00		133.00	
670.00	460.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00		650.00	
30.00	24.50	Rea Vipingo Plantations Ord 5.00		27.50	
19.95	12.80	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	15.60	15.60	5,000
320.00	210.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ord 5.00	287.00	275.00	1,000
Automobiles & Accessories					
50.00	21.50	Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	43.25	46.00	900
-	-	CMC Holdings Ord 0.50		13.50	
13.00	8.00	Marshall's (E.A.) Ord 5.00	10.60	9.85	100
9.40	4.50	Sameer Africa Ord 5.00	6.85	6.95	18,500
Banking					
19.15	15.30	Barclays Bank Ord 0.50	17.55	17.50	143,400
155.00	68.00	CFC Stanbic of Kenya Holdings Ord 5.00	126.00	124.00	36,700
280.00	166.00	Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	258.00	259.00	22,300
50.00	29.50	Equity Bank Ord 0.50	47.75	48.50	305,000
51.00	23.75	Housing Finance Co Ord 5.00	44.50	44.50	83,300
147.00	85.00	I & M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	135.00	136.00	12,500
60.00	41.25	KCB Ord 1.00	57.50	57.50	431,100
39.25	18.60	NBK Ord 5.00	28.75	28.00	52,100
81.00	54.50	NIC Bank Ord 5.00	71.00	71.50	59,800
340.00	280.00	StandardChartered Ord 5.00	325.00	320.00	23,900
25.00	14.80	Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	19.40	19.40	492,500
Commercial & Services					
8.00	3.55	Express Ord 5.00	7.00	6.55	23,700
-	-	Hutchings Biemer Ord 5.00		20.25	
14.70	8.30	Kenya Airways Ord 5.00	9.90	9.90	1,113,600
18.00	5.00	Longhorn Kenya Ord 1.00		14.25	
345.00	296.00	Nation Media Group Ord 2.50	311.00	311.00	2,600
78.00	42.50	ScanGroup Ord 1.00	45.25	45.50	12,500
36.50	25.00	Standard Group Ord 5.00	36.00	35.00	10,700
53.00	32.00	TPS EA (Serena) Ord 1.00	37.00	34.00	100
23.00	11.00	Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	11.90	11.45	23,000
Construction & Allied					
98.50	70.00	ARM Cement Ord 1.00	86.00	86.00	19,200
220.00	170.00	BamburiCement Ord 5.00	163.00	164.00	11,800
107.00	60.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ord 5.00		107.00	
18.00	13.50	E.A.Cables Ord 0.50	14.75	14.70	106,100
110.00	52.00	E.A.Portland Cement Ord 5.00		73.00	
Energy & Petroleum					
17.90	8.70	KenGen Ord 2.50	10.35	10.20	117,400
10.50	7.90	KenolKobil Ltd Ord 0.05	8.45	8.45	327,300
16.00	12.85	KP&LC Ord 2.50	15.15	15.15	98,200
7.50	6.70	KP&LC 4% Pref.20.00		8.00	
-	-	KP&LC 7% Pref.20.00		5.50	
28.75	15.85	Total Kenya Ord 5.00	23.50	24.50	41,600
20.50	13.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	19.80	19.80	600
Insurance					
28.00	7.80	British American Investments Co.0.10	26.75	27.50	459,200
12.20	4.20	CIC Insurance Group Ord 1.00	8.45	8.50	441,100
424.00	255.00	Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	411.00	410.00	4,400
21.00	13.10	Kenya Re Corporation Ord 2.50	17.80	17.70	1,577,200
23.00	11.05	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	18.05	18.00	48,400
145.00	55.00	Pan Africa Insurance Ord 5.00	124.00	124.00	3,000
Investment					
55.50	22.75	Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	55.50	54.50	666,600
6.40	3.50	Olympia Capital Holdings Ord 5.00	4.90	4.80	14,100
37.75	20.00	Trans-Century LtdOrd 0.50	20.50	21.00	11,200

Manufacturing & Allied							
-	A.Baumann & Co. Ord 5.00						11.10
190.00	113.00	B.O.C Kenya Ord 5.00		140.00	135.00		500
825.00	521.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00			810.00		
67.50	26.00	Carbacid Investments Ord 5.00		25.25	25.50		270,800
346.00	212.00	East African Breweries Ord 2.00		285.00	285.00		15,800
4.00	2.40	Eveready EA Ord 1.00			3.00		6,600
20.00	4.40	Kenya Orchards Ord 5.00			20.00		
4.20	2.00	Mumias Sugar Co. Ord 2.00		2.25	2.25		840,400
38.50	15.00	Unga Group Ord 5.00			34.75		
Telecommunication & Technology							
13.50	7.45	Safaricom Ltd Ord. 0.05		13.20	13.20		1,138,700
Growth & Enterprise Market Segment (GEMS)							
17.50	3.20	Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00		4.90	5.00		550,200
NSE All Share Index(NASI)-(1 Jan 2008=100 Up 0.07 points to close at 159.44							
NSE 20 Share Index Up 3.17 points to close at 5160.32 EquityTurnover- 222,795,322 Prv-784,437,311							
BANK RATES							
		Euro	\$	£	C\$	SF	IR JY ZR
BANK							
ABC	buy	116.45	88.35	146.63	-	94.44	1.45 85.00 8.30
	sell	116.75	88.55	147.00	-	94.71	1.46 85.23 8.35
Barclays	buy	114.14	88.55	144.34	81.31	94.84	1.46 83.98 8.23
	sell	114.85	88.75	144.84	81.64	95.26	1.46 84.33 8.27
Co-op	buy	114.60	88.55	144.59	81.37	95.01	1.46 84.06 8.10
	sell	114.88	88.75	144.94	81.60	95.27	1.42 84.29 8.37
Equity	buy	114.80	88.55	144.48	81.31	95.14	1.47 84.33 8.28
	sell	115.08	88.75	144.83	81.53	95.40	1.48 84.56 8.312
NBK	buy	115.74	88.20	146.29	80.92	95.82	1.45 84.15 8.23
	sell	116.51	88.80	147.25	81.52	96.52	1.46 84.73 8.29
KCB	buy	114.70	88.55	144.40	81.30	95.10	1.46 84.30 8.20
	sell	115.00	88.75	145.00	81.70	95.60	1.46 84.70 8.40
CBA	buy	114.63	88.50	144.34	80.80	95.05	1.46 84.13 8.24
	sell	114.95	88.70	144.75	81.30	96.28	1.46 84.33 8.27
CFC Stanbic	buy	114.49	88.50	144.44	81.39	94.89	1.45 84.03 8.25
	sell	114.77	88.70	144.77	81.57	95.11	1.47 84.22 8.35
GulfAfrican	buy	114.50	88.55	144.43	81.35	94.94	1.46 84.05 8.24
	sell	114.78	88.75	144.77	81.58	95.18	1.46 84.26 8.27
FCB	buy	117.40	87.70	147.30	80.20	96.70	1.30 85.80 7.70
	sell	118.00	87.90	148.30	80.70	96.80	1.60 85.80 8.70
Prime	buy	116.20	88.35	146.25	81.10	96.20	1.46 84.30 8.30
	sell	116.70	88.75	146.75	81.60	96.70	1.47 84.80 8.50
CBK RATES							
		Mean		Buy		Sell	
1 US Dollar		88.6378		88.5544		88.7211	
1 Sterling Pound		144.6667		144.5100		144.8233	
1 Euro		114.6997		114.5817		114.8178	
1 South African Rand		8.2676		8.2569		8.2784	
Ksh/Ush		29.4232		29.3391		29.5073	
1 Ksh/Tsh		18.7844		18.7103		18.8585	
1 Ksh/Rwanda Franc		7.7902		7.7208		7.8596	
1 Ksh/Burundi Franc		17.4872		17.1887		17.7857	
1 UAE Dirham		24.1326		24.1096		24.1556	
1 Canadian Dollar		81.4988		81.4026		81.5951	
1 Swiss Franc		95.1078		95.0006		95.2150	
100 Japanese Yen		84.1353		84.0517		84.2188	
1 Swedish Kroner		12.5331		12.5193		12.5470	
1 Norwegian Kroner		14.1503		14.1300		14.1706	
1 Danish Kroner		15.6500		15.6332		15.6668	
1 Indian Rupee		1.4667		1.4652		1.4681	
1 Hong Kong Dollar		11.4371		11.4264		11.4479	
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Death and Funeral Annoucement

With deep sorrow, humility and humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the death of Dorcas Moraa Kenyeru Orioki (Formerly of Telkom Kenya) on 28/08/2014 at Nairobi Hospital.

Wife of Francis Kenyeru Orioki, (Principal Land Registration Officer), Mother of Lydia Kenyeru (Taj Limited), Desmond Orioki (Storm Africa), and Brenda (Loretto Convent). Daughter of the late Stanley Otwor Onchong'a and Peninah Nyabonyi, and late Bathsheba. Daughter inlaw of the late Peter Orioki and Leah Bosibori. Sister to Ezekiel Janet, (Pamella, Bob, Jasper, Martha, Shem all of USA), Josephine, David, Meshack and Mocheche. Sister inlaw to Maaga, Matonda, Nyaboke, Jacob, Joyce (St Lwanga Ichuni Girls), Ken & James Bosire (KPA Msa), among others. Niece to Charles Maisiba, Monica, Late Nyaigoti, Obegi among others. Cousin to the Nyaigoti's, Obare's, Obegi's, Makori's, Omani's, and Ombachi's, Maisiba's Nyakundi's, Matara's, Monica's, Riro's Daniel's and Nyamamba's among others.

Family and friends meet daily at: Holy Family Basilica Nairobi from 5.30 pm; her house at Hurlingham Nairobi and the Ichuni village home Keroka. Main fund raising will be on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 680 Hotel (Sherehe Hall) starting 5.30pm.

The cottage Leaves Lee Funeral Home on 11/09/2014 for a funeral service at St. Paul's University Chapel at 7.45 am and thereafter the body leaves for Ichuni village, Kisii County for burial on 12/09/2014.



Dorcas Moraa Kenyeru Orioki

Death and Funeral Annoucement

We regret to announce the death of Lucas James Hagyo which occurred on 02/09/2014 at Port Victoria Hospital Busia.

Beloved husband of late Agatha Mary Hagyo and Magret Arua Hagyo. Father of Edgar Perry Hagyo, Olivia Doreen Menken (Germany), Dennis Herbert Hagyo (USA) and Yvonne Daniella Hagyo (Germany). Grand father of Vanessa Agatha Aino, Aaron Yves Menken and Melissa Agatha Menken.

Friends and relatives are meeting at his home in Bulemia, Budalangi. The cortege leaves Port Victoria mortuary on Friday 12th September 2014. The burial will take place on Saturday 13th September 2014 at his home in Bulemia village Budalangi.



Lucas James Hagyo

May the Lord rest his soul in Eternal Peace

In Loving Memory

It's exactly 5years since you left us. In life we loved you dearly. In death we love you more. In our hearts you hold a place that no one can ever fill.

We still think about you every day, we just love and miss you in our special way, you were a teacher at all times to the family and now you are no more.

Deeply and fondly remembered by: your loving husband Ben Cheboi, children, Joan Jebiwot, Jean Jepkorir and Joy Jerop, your dad Ayub, Mum Eunice, Mum in-law Talai, sisters Margaret, Betty and Jela, your brothers Kibiwott and Kipchumba, all relatives and friends.

"It's well mum you fought a good fight and now at peaceful rest. We love you."



Damaris Jebet "Mrs. Cheboi Ben"

1st Anniversary

Today one year we reflect back with tender memories. It's been a painful one year since you passed on.

We thank God for the time we spent with you. We think of you in silence and we often speak your name. All we have now is pictures which rejuvenate our memory. Though you are not with us, you are always in our hearts.

You are dearly missed by your wife-Salome, daughter-Toffie, Dear Father anwd Mother, Dear sisters and nieces, relatives and Friends.

In the arms of the Lord you rest Dick, in our hearts you remain forever



Dick Gachanja Gachire

22nd Anniversary

"It has been 22 years since you sadly left us. Your love and inspiration has kept us going and gives us the hope of joining you in eternal life".

You are dearly missed by your loving husband Ralph Kimilu. Son Reuben Kimilu, daughters Faith and Joy Kimilu, relatives and friends.

May the Lord rest your soul in eternal peace.



Sheila Kalekye Kimilu
12/7/1952 - 6/09/1992

Death and Funeral Annoucement

We as a family regret to announce the death of Fredrick Mwangi Ndegwa on 2nd September 2014 at Tumutumu Hospital, Nyeri.

Son of the Late Hiram Ndegwa Muthanga and the Late Edith Kirigo Ndegwa. Husband of the late Josephine Njeri Mwangi. Brother of Nancy Wambui Githinji, Catherine Wairimu Migwi, Betty Wanjiru, George Kibuthu and Carolyn Nyarui. Father of Ida Kirigo, Jane Rose Wambui, Beth Muthoni, Catherine Wairimu, the Late Winifred Ngendo, Irene Wanjiru and Angela Gacui.

The cortege leaves Tumutumu Hospital on 9th September 2014 at 9.00am. The funeral service will be held at the family home Muruguru Village, Nyeri County and burial will follow thereafter at the same venue.

Praise be to God for the time he was with us.



Fredrick Mwangi Ndegwa
1944 - 2014

Death and Funeral Annoucement



Pushpaben Rajnikant (Bachubhai) Patel

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden demise of Mrs Pushpaben Rajnikant (Bachubhai) Patel. Wife of Mr Bachubhai Patel of Kutus Auto Hardware, Kutus. Mother of Hiten and Nisha and mother in law of Jignasha.

Sister in law of Suryakant Patel of Canterbury, UK, late Minakshiben and Manishaben; Chandrakantaben, Pushpaben, Shashiben and Arvindaben; aunty of Kinnari and Chirag and respective family members.

She departed peacefully on Friday 5th September 2014.

She will be dearly missed, fondly remembered and forever cherished by her beloved family and friends.

The funeral will take place on 7th September 2014

The Cortege will depart from Patel Residence, 66 Gigiri Court, Gigiri at 10.00am for the Hindu Crematorium. The Cremation will take place at 10.30am.

The Prayers in her loving memory will be held between 4pm and 6pm at Patel Residence, Gigiri on Sunday 7th September 2014.

Those who hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us, they live on in the kindness they have shared, the love and laughter they brought into our lives.

The family would like to Thank Dr Radia, Dr Schukin, Dr S.R. Patel and Management & staff of Nairobi Hospital.



Sri Ganeshae Namaha



Sri Ganeshae Namaha



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Celebration of a Life Well Lived

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on to glory of Bro in Christ Justus Kariuki Mwatha "Juska Motors".

Loving husband of Lucy Wairimu Kariuki. Son of Late Mr and Mrs Kabichi of Ithithe Nyeri. Loving father of Late Rose Ngunju, Catherine Wanjiru and Beatrice Wangari. Brother of Ngima, Mathenge, Gathatwa, Gichohi, Wambui and Githige. Son in-law of Late Stephen Githui and Rose Ngunju of Kamakwa Nyeri. Father in-law of Amos and Pappu. Grand father of Kevin, Celine, Justus and Trina.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at his residence Mwanzo Estate from 7.00pm. The cortege leaves Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital on Tuesday 9/9/2014 at 9.00 am. Funeral service and burial will take place at Kiplombe cemetery.

In God's hands you rest in our hearts you dwell forever. Amen.



Justus Kariuki Mwatha "Juska Motors".
10/11/1955 - 2/9/2014

*Though nothing can bring back the hour of
splendor in the grass, or glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather find strength in what
remains behind.*



SATURDAY NATION Sport



WALLABIES FACE SPRINGBOKS TEST

The Wallabies will rely on their maligned forwards to provide a platform if they are to end a three-match losing run against South Africa in their Rugby Championship Test in Perth today. The Australian pack was outplayed by the All Blacks in a 51-20 loss in Auckland a fortnight ago but coach Ewen McKenzie has stuck with the same combination.

RUGBY | Amonde and Wanjala return to boost the bankers at RFUEA

Christie 7s title up for grabs

Series leaders and champs KCB have one hand on the national title but will be wary of Homeboyz threat

BY AYUMBA AYODI
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Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) faces Impala as they seek to defend the Safaricom Christie Sevens title this morning at the RFUEA grounds.

The bankers, who are almost assured of retaining the Safaricom National Sevens Series crown, will then meet Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology at 12:24pm before wrapping up their pool A fixtures against Homeboyz at 4:36pm.

KCB, who won Kabeberi, Dala and Prinsloo Sevens besides reaching the Driftwood Sevens final, lead the series with 85 points while Homeboyz, winners of Driftwood Sevens, are second on 68 points. The bankers only need to reach the Bowl semi-final to retain the series title but it's highly unlikely that KCB will drop to Bowl, considering their great form this season.

Star players

Homeboyz, the Driftwood Sevens winners, is the only side that can deny the bankers the title. However, to do so they will have to win the Main Cup and hope that KCB doesn't reach the Bowl semis.

KCB deputy coach Dennis 'Ironman' Mwanja said that their plan from the onset was to reach all the finals and the Christie Sevens is no exemption.

"We are focused on achieving our target. Our aim is to go all the way to the final and retain the title," said the former Kenya sevens national team player.

Mwanja attributed the team's success this season to team work and discipline.

"We don't have star players in the team since everyone can score and work with the next person," he said. KCB will be boosted by the return of Kenya Sevens skipper Andrew Amonde and Collins Wanjala for Stafford Abeka and Allan Omuka.



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

Mwamba's Dan Sikuta (centre) vies for the ball with Charles Omondi and Adrian Opondo of Strathmore Leos during the Kabeberi Sevens.

Draw: Pool A: Homeboyz, KCB, Impala, JKUAT

Pool B: Top Fry Nakuru, Pan Africa Strathmore Leos, Total Nondies and Mean Machine

Pool C: Mwamba, Kabras Sugar, Catholic Monks, Mombasa

Pool D: Western Bulls, Lunch Quins, Kisumu, Masaku

Today's order of play: 10am KCB v Impala; 10:18 Homeboyz v JKUAT; 10:36 Nakuru v Nondies; 10:54 Strathmore v Machine; 11:12 Mwamba v Catholic; 11:30 Kabras v Mombasa; 11:48 W.Bulls v Kisumu; 12:06 Quins v Masaku; 12:24 KCB v JKUAT; 12:42 Homeboyz v Impala; 13:00 Nakuru v Machine; 13:18 Strathmore v Nondies; 14:12 Mwamba v Mombasa; 14:30 Kabras v Catholic; 14:48 W.Bulls v Masaku; 15:06 Quins v Kisumu; 15:24 Impala v JKUAT; 15:42 Nondies v Machine; 16:00 Catholic v Mombasa; 16:18 Kisumu v Masaku; 16:36 KCB v Homeboyz; 16:54 Nakuru v Strathmore; 17:12 Mwamba v Kabras; 17:30 W.Bulls v Quins

Gicharu, Okwiri to turn professional

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Glasgow Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Benson Gicharu (bantamweight) Rayton Okwiri (welterweight) will turn professional under the new International Boxing Association (AIBA) Professional Boxing project.

But Gicharu and Okwiri will first attend a seminar organised by AIBA at its Academy in Almaty, Kazakhstan from September 11 to 18. The seminar will educate the boxers on health, finance management and professional career to prepare them for professional bouts

starting next month. Boxing Association of Kenya chairman John Kameta said the two have already signed contracts with AIBA and are ready for the new venture.

New project

The new project will see selected boxers feature in between six to four bouts, with each getting Sh5m from each

Sh5m

Money Benson Gicharu and Rayton Okwiri will earn per bout after turning pro

bout with or without winning. The winning boxers will get a bonus of Sh2m. Kameta said that according to the contracts, the home federation will get 20 per cent of what the boxers will get.

"The only difference is that the 20 per cent will not be deducted from the boxers' purse," said Kameta.

While Okwiri will train locally under Patrick Maina, while David Munuhe has been appointed to handle Gicharu. The top AIBA committee has selected 80 boxers out of 120 to compete for the APB World Champion title and a chance to compete in the Rio 2016 Olympics.



PHOTO | FILE

Benson Gicharu claimed bronze medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Nairobi calendar for swimming begins

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Nairobi Swimming Association (Nasa) calendar of events for the 2014/2015 season begins today with a training clinic of team managers.

Nasa secretary Cardimore Avwonda said the second event on the calendar will be a two-day technical officiating clinic which will be held in Nairobi between September 13 and 14.

The Nasa age-group championships series 'A' will be held at Aga Khan Primary School from September 20-12 and a week later, Nasa minnows meeting will be held at the same venue.

The second edition of Nasa age-group series double 'AA' will commence on October 4 to 5 at Aga Khan Primary School while the third edition of the same race, featuring senior men and women in category 'AAA', will be held at Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani on October 11-12.

Open championship

Mombasa will host the national age-group open and relay championships and the three-day event will get underway from October 24-26 ahead of the Nasa invitational gala slated for Kasarani on November 29-30.

Two events will bring the curtain down this year - the county swimming camp to be held in Nairobi in December and a swimming competition dubbed Swim 'A' Thon in Nairobi.

The 2015 season will start with team managers' software training in Nairobi on January 10-11 followed by technical officiating clinic a week later.

On January 24-25, the Nasa age group championship series 'AAA' will be held at Kasarani while the last event in the same month will be Nasa minnows meet at Aga Khan in Nairobi.

The Nasa age-group championships series 'AA' will be held at Aga Khan on February 7-8 and the following week the same series category 'A' will be held at the same venue.

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Days Nasa's technical officiating clinic will last next month in Nairobi

Between February 27 - March 1, national age group open and relay will be staged at Kasarani. The Nasa junior and masters swimming championships will be held at Aga Khan on March 14-15 while the month of April will be dedicated for the national swimming camp.

The two-day National Junior Championships slated for May 16-17 will be staged in Nairobi while Nasa age group championships will be held at Aga Khan on May 23-24.

Nasa Annual General Meeting and awards gala dinner will be held on July 6 and the final event on the congested calendar will be the county swimming camp in August in Nairobi.

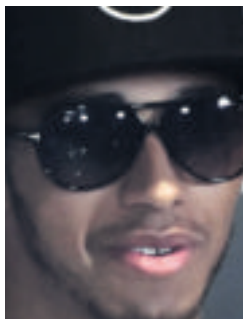
World No. 1 McIlroy shares early lead at BMW golf championship

Rory McIlroy fired a 67 to seize a share of the lead with Jordan Spieth and Gary Woodland after the opening round of the BMW Championship which was postponed Thursday because of darkness. Four-time major winner McIlroy rolled in four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn at the \$8 million PGA Tour event at the Cherry Hills Country Club course.

"It's tricky. We've had a couple of days to adjust to the altitude, so that's fine, but these greens have gotten so much firmer over the last 24 to 48 hours," McIlroy said. US Open champion Martin Kaymer

is one of nine players tied at two under. He stands alongside Spain's Sergio Garcia, Canada's Graham DeLaet, Matt Every, Billy Horschel, Kevin Chappell, Russell Henley and Chesson Hadley. Sweden's Henrik Stenson is also two-under par and was on the 18th hole when play was suspended. He and the others will finish their rounds early Friday. Stenson was one of nine players still on the course when the horn sounded. World number one McIlroy is aiming for his fourth win of 2014 which includes major titles at the Open Championship and the PGA Championship. (AFP)

Hamilton fastest amid Mercedes warnings to rivals



Monza, Italy

Lewis Hamilton (left) sped ahead in yesterday's free practice for the Italian Grand Prix as his Mercedes team warned it was ready to drop Hamilton or Nico Rosberg if they do not restrain their rivalry.

The battle between the Mercedes drivers, particularly after Rosberg admitted he was

to blame for a crash between the two, has dominated the Formula One world championship.

"We have made it very clear this is an unacceptable scenario for us, actually for both of them," Mercedes team boss Toto Wolff told BBC radio.

"We don't want this to happen ever again and the consequences are very easy. If we are not able to manage the two

of them following the Mercedes Benz racing spirit then we need to admit that and take decisions and take consequences of having a different line-up probably," Wolff added.

Hamilton, who is 29 points adrift of Rosberg in the title race, was six-tenths of a second clear of McLaren's Jenson Button in the opening free practice, in a clear demonstration of his intent to make up lost ground.

Rosberg was third fastest ahead of two time champion Spaniard Fernando Alonso of Ferrari, Dane Kevin Magnussen in the second McLaren and defending champion Sebastian Vettel in the leading Red Bull.

Vettel's teammate Australian Daniel Ricciardo, winner of three of the last six races, only completed 12 laps before retiring with an engine problem. (AFP)

US OPEN TENNIS | Frenchman surrenders two-set lead but suffers serious power loss

Federer sets up Cilic semis duel

Second-seeded Swiss saves two match points to floor Monfils and book date with Croatian in New York

New York

Roger Federer saved two match points to defeat Gael Monfils 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 and reach his ninth US Open semi-final on Thursday, keeping alive his dream of a sixth title.

The 33-year-old Swiss second seed, bidding to become the oldest winner of a Grand Slam title in more than 40 years, was staring down the barrel of a demoralising exit when French 20th seed Monfils had two match points in the 10th game of the fourth set.

But once they were saved, the lifeblood was suddenly sucked out of the flamboyant but unpredictable 28-year-old Frenchman whose notoriously fickle stamina failed him in a one-sided fifth set.

The victory was Federer's 26th in 27 night-time matches in New York and put him just one win away from a career 600 victories on hard courts, a landmark he can reach if he defeats Marin Cilic to make the final.

Cilic in first final

Croatian 14th seed Cilic toppled sixth-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) earlier on Thursday to reach his first US Open semi-final.

Federer's win was his ninth from two sets to love down and first at a major since he had to engineer a similar Houdini act against another Frenchman, Julien Benneteau, at Wimbledon in 2012 on his way to his 17th and most recent major title.

Played well

"Gael played great tennis but even when I was two sets down I knew the finish line was still far away for him," said Federer after the three-hour 20-minute duel put him in his first semi-final since 2011.

"I knew I could play better tennis but on match point I wasn't feeling so great anymore. I just thought this could be the



PHOTO | AFP

Swiss Roger Federer returns a shot against Gael Monfils of France during their men's singles quarter-final match of the 2014 US Open in New York City on Thursday.

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Rodger Federer, tennis player

last point, don't give it away on an easy shot, make him work for it.”

As Monfils opened-up a two-set lead, Federer was in danger of falling to pieces with two

uncharacteristic losses of his famed composure when he berated umpire Carlos Ramos and smashed his racquet on the net.

But eventually it was Monfils, playing in his first US Open quarter-final since 2010, who suffered the most serious power loss with his failure to convert his two match points in the 10th game of the fourth set leading to a brief final set which saw Federer sweep to victory.

Monfils shrugged off his two missed match points. "I think he hit two big serves, a good forehand volley and then a good forehand down the line. I did my best, so it was okay," he said. (AFP)

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Japan's Nishikori carrying weight of history at US Open

New York

The hopes of a nation rest on the slim shoulders of Kei Nishikori (right), who is bidding this weekend to become the first-ever Japanese to play in the singles final of a Grand Slam tennis tournament.

He outlasted Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka in five sets in the US Open quarter-finals to become the first Japanese man in 81 years to reach the last four of a major tour-

namment — and the first since Grand Slam events were opened in 1968 to allow professionals to compete with amateurs.

Minor obstacle

Now, just the minor obstacle of the world number-one Novak Djokovic stands between the 24 year-old and history.

"His fatigue may be at its peak but he is determined to 'get stronger and stronger and reach the final,'" the daily Nikkan Sports said. "He is right in

front of an untrodden realm."

Nishikori's father Kiyoshi, 57, told the Asahi newspaper: "Kei tends to work a miracle by playing beyond his physical limits when he has a fixed goal to focus on."

His home province of Shimane in western Japan is also hoping that further success will help boost its profile — it currently promotes itself tongue-in-cheek as the "47th most famous prefecture in Japan". Out of 47, that is. It's only just got a Starbucks. (AFP)



Pakistan's star Shahzad 'faces action' over spat

Karachi

The head of Pakistan's cricket board said yesterday that batsman Ahmed Shahzad could face disciplinary action over a religious spat with Sri Lankan opener Tillakaratne Dilshan (above).

Television footage showed Shahzad passing a religious remark at Dilshan after the third and final one-day international in Dambulla last week.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has set up a committee to look into the matter despite Sri Lanka Cricket and Dilshan not making an official complaint.

"Shahzad has breached the central contract in which it is clearly written that you will not involve in any religious spat with others so there can be disciplinary action against him," PCB chief Shaharyar Khan told reporters.

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Sri Lanka's win over Pakistan in one-day international series

After Sri Lanka notched a seven-wicket win to take the series 2-1 and the players were walking off the field, Shahzad was seen on TV footage saying to Dilshan: "If you are a non-Muslim and you turn Muslim, no matter whatever you do in your life, straight to heaven."

Exchange of words

Dilshan replied he doesn't want to go there, to which Shahzad replied: "Then be ready for the fire." The remarks stemmed from reports that 37-year-old Dilshan was born to a Muslim father and a Buddhist mother and was originally named Tuwan Mohamed Dilshan.

The footage went viral on the Internet, prompting the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to summon Shahzad on Wednesday.

Dilshan said he didn't even remember what was said. "I have no issues at all. I was just quite happy with the win at the time," Dilshan said in Colombo. (AFP)

Wallabies bank on forwards in Test

Perth

The Wallabies will rely on their maligned forwards to provide a platform if they are to reverse a three-match losing run against South Africa in their Rugby Championship Test in Perth today.

The Australian pack was outplayed by the world champion All Blacks in a 51-20 mauling in Auckland a fortnight ago and coach Ewen McKenzie has largely stuck with the same combination against the powerful Springboks.

The forecast is for wet and windy conditions in Saturday's game, giving the South Africans the edge in their traditional dominance of the set piece. The Wallabies were smashed 38-12, four tries to nil, by the Springboks in their 2013 Rugby Championship Test in Australia and the home side is looking to win back the Mandela Challenge Plate. (AFP)

Kenya flatten Tanzania in championship opener

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Kenya opened her campaign at the World Hockey League One series with an 8-0 victory over neighbours Tanzania at the City Park Stadium yesterday.

Two goals from Brian Musasia led the hosts to the big victory before Emmanuel Simiyu added another to give Kenya a 3-0 half time lead.

Kenya controlled proceedings in the second half and added further goals to ensure a morale victory. In another match Egypt came from behind to beat Ghana 3-2. Kenya play Ghana today while Egypt face Tanzania. Earlier, Ghana had given Tanzania a lesson in hockey, winning the

opening match 17-0. The West African side dominated from start to finish, underlining their intentions of making it to the second round of the tournament.

Four goals from Aggrey Fauastina and a hat-trick Serwaa Boakye led the Ghanaian women's team to victory as Tanzania offered little resistance to the west African side.

Ghana were ahead after only two minutes when Boakye fired a low shot past Tanzanian keeper Rajaby Saguti. Three

17-0

Ghana's victory over Tanzania in their World Hockey Series match at City Park Stadium yesterday

minutes later Cecilia Amoako made it 2-0 lead with low shot that beat the keeper to his right. It was 3-0 after 12 minutes when Gloria Darko scored a rebound shot after Saguti's attempted clearance.

Classic goal

The fourth goal was a classic as Boakye dribbled past three defenders before looping the ball past a hapless Saguti on the 13th minute of the match. Tanzania could barely get out of their own half giving the ball away easily as Ghana controlled possession in midfield.

The game was effectively over as a contest when Rachel Bamfo made it five in the 16th minute finishing of a wonderful move that was started in the Ghanaian defence.



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Ghana's Coffie Ernestina (centre) scores past Tanzania's Hassan Zuwena (left) and abdallah Kidawa at City Park Stadium yesterday.

KCB SAFARI RALLY | Batian View Spectator Stage has been upgraded to standard ahead of race

Organisers gear up for big start

Rains, wildlife remain a challenge along the route but Tundo happy with wet weather

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Rains and wildlife remain a cause for concern as organizers put final touches to the 2014 KCB Safari Rally scheduled to start on Friday at KICC.

Part of the Kisima Farm stage has been shortened by almost half after rains washed away a portion of the section which has also attracted large number of elephants due to the floods following rains in areas around Nanyuki.

"It has been raining in some of the stages for the past few days, although we are prepared for any eventuality. In worst case scenario, we may have to delay the start for hours as we have studied and monitored the timings. There is no course for alarm as rally will go on as planned," said Bimal Patel, the clerk of course.

Spectator stage

Patel added: "We have also been forced to hire local workers to help grade the main Batian View Spec-



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Manvir Baryani, driving a Subaru Impreza car, will be the 10th off the ramp at this year's KCB Safari Rally.

tator Stage after failing to get assistance from the local authorities. We had no choice as nothing was forthcoming from the authorities, with the start just round the corner. As I speak we are on the ground with the local graders."

But former winner of the Safari Rally, Carl Tundo, said he is happy with the current weather conditions as rains make it exciting for drivers and fans.

He also expressed satisfaction with the work Patel has continued to do for the Safari

Rally. "I have already tested the Proton in the mud and it handles well. I love the rain. I am sure there will be added excitement for the rally if the weather stayed this way until the day of the Safari Rally," Tundo said in Nakuru yesterday.

Tundo said his only concern is the high altitude which could affect the performance of the car because of the turbo power.

A specialist is expected from the United Kingdom to fine-tune the car, which made a winning debut in the KCB Ki-

ambu Rally few months ago.

The ST2000 is one of the only two cars of its type in the African Continent. The other one belongs to Alastair Cavenagh, also a former Kenya National Rally Champion.

This year's round of the African Rally Championship will have 13 Spectator Stages with the three kilometre-long Batian View section as the main attraction, where rally cars will pass four times. It will also host the main Service Park, which is based on the slopes of Mount Kenya.

Cricketers off to SA for challenge

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Kenya's cricket team left for South Africa yesterday to take part in the inaugural Africa Cricket Association six-a-side challenge and 50-over tournaments.

The tournaments will involve teams from Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania and emerging sides of South Africa and Zimbabwe. Steve Tikolo's charges will open their six-a-side campaign against Namibia this morning and take on Tanzania in the afternoon. Thomas Odoyo is the team's assistant coach.

New faces

The only new faces in the squad that will be captained by Rakep Patel are Dhiren Gondaria and Narendra Patel both of Kanbis. Gurdeep Singh who represented Kenya in Dubai during last year's World Twenty20 qualifiers has been recalled to the side.

Singh, who represents Sikh Union in the Nairobi Provincial Cricket Association super league, has been impressive with the bat this season.

James Ngoche, who was dropped from the side for the 2015 World Cup qualifiers held in New Zealand in March, is also back in the squad. Other players are Nehemiah Odhiambo, Nelson Odhiambo, Collins Obuya, Shem Ngoche, Hiren Varaiya, Alex Obanda, Elijah Otieno, Lucas Oluoch and Morris Ouma.

After the six-a-side championship, the six teams will engage in one day matches. Kenya team will come back on September 14.

Kenya will use the South African tour to gauge their strength as they prepare for a crucial Intercontinental Cup qualifier set for January at a venue yet to be named by the ICC. Kenya must finish in top two to take part in the next season of the eight team event.



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Douglas Sidialo (left) trains with John Kiriku on Thursday.

Inspirational Sidialo leads team to Rift Valley cycling race

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Accomplished visually-impaired adventurer, Douglas Sidialo, will lead 50 other mountain bike riders in this year's edition of the Rift Valley Odyssey.

Sidialo, who lost his eyesight in the 1998 bomb attack on US Embassy in Nairobi, will team up with the other riders for the 400km challenge which

will take five days across the Great Rift Valley region.

The theme of this year's event is "Seeing is Believing" and is sponsored by the Standard Chartered Bank. The race seeks to raise money to build eye clinics in various parts of the country.

Guided by his pilot John Kiriko Mwangi, Sidialo will cover the 400km course, of which only seven kilometers will be on tarmac. The race will begin at Tigoni and stretch across Naivasha through

Soysambu, Lake Elementaita before finally marking the last stop at Lake Nakuru.

This is, however, no new challenge to the 42-year-old Sidola, who is first African blind man to have successfully completed the 12,000 kilometer Tour D'Afrique.

The race, known as the Cape Epic, is part of challenging mountain bike challenge that will take competitors from Egypt and through ten African countries, Kenya included, before ending in Cape Town, South Africa after 95 days.

GOLF | Odhiambo moves to second place after firing a 69 in the second round

Kenyans make the cut at Uganda Open as Akope jumps to the lead

Day one leader Indiza drops to fourth after hitting a string of bogeys at the end of round two competition

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A total of 13 Kenyan professionals on Thursday made it to the last two rounds of this year's Uganda Open even as Dismas Indiza lost the lead to local hero Deo Akope.

Among the Kenyan golfers who progressed to the final two rounds of the tournament at the par-71 Uganda Golf Club course are Nyanza-based David Odhiambo who moved to second place after firing a 69 in the second round.

Akope and his compatriot Dennis Anguyo also fired 69 at during the same round.

Odhiambo made birdies at the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth and was heading to the top of the leaderboard until he double-bogeyed the notorious par four-12th, having only picked up one bogey at the front nine.

"I was cruising well though the double bogey at the tough par four-12th but a drive to the right cost me the second round lead," said Odhiambo who made the second round cut with a total of two under par 140, just a shot adrift off Akope whose 69 gave him a narrow three under par 139 lead.

String of bogeys

Anguyo tied with Odhiambo on 140 as day one leader Indiza hit a string of bogeys to close with four over par 75 and a two rounds total of level par 142 in fourth.

Indiza, however, is still capable of striking back to the top depending on how he plays in today's final round.

Yesterday's third round had to be suspended for three hours due to heavy rains in Kampala.

On the other hand, national team coach Anil Shah, Charan Thethy, Paul Thuo and Simon Ngige failed to go through the second round cut.

Meanwhile, a field of 150 golfers drawn from Nyanza and Western region will converge at the Lake-side Nyanza Golf Club Kisumu for the fourth leg of this year's Safaricom Business Challenge and not Nakuru Golf Club as early reported in this paper.

The series started at Nyeri Golf Club in the Mount Kenya region where Mwangi



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION
David Odhiambo watches his tee shot from the 9th hole during the Rapid Communications Golf tournament at Muthaiga Golf Club last month.

Gathu beat a field of 96 players with an impressive score of 41 points to emerge the best qualifiers, beating players from Nyeri, Nanyuki and Nyahururu.

Thereafter, action moved to the par 71 Muthaiga Golf Club course in Nairobi where Oshwal High School student Abhishek Pandit posted 39 points to beat a large field of 256 players.

Then came the turn of David Githaiga for the third leg at Limuru Country Club

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I was cruising well though the double bogey at the tough par four-12th but a drive to the right cost me the second round lead”

David Odhiambo, national golf tem player

where he posted 39 points despite a strong opposition from some of the club's leading amateurs.

Among the players drawn at the par 70 Nyanza course include the club's top amateur Peter Owino who will face among others Jiten Pabari, Raju Bhayani, Joseph Atito, John Orioro, Noah Winja and Ben Dawa.

Going for the ladies top prize will be Rosemary Obara, who won the KCB Golf Tour recently, Kisumu deputy governor Ruth Odinga and Ruth Kwasu.

In Thika over 200 players will be battling it out for a number of prizes in the Pan Africa Life Challenge while Royal Nairobi will host the country-wide Crown Paints four ball better ball series.

DAY TWO LEADERBOARD

139 Deo Akope	(Ug) 70, 69
140 David Odhiambo (Ken)	71, 69
140 Dennis Anguyo	(Ug) 71, 69
142 Dismas Indiza	(Ken) 67, 75
145 Joseph Karanja	(Ken) 73, 72
147 Njuguna Ngugi	(Ken) 74, 73
148 Jacob Okello	(Ken) 73, 75

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Co-op, KPA to let off steam in league fixtures

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Men's basketball Premier League champions Co-operative Bank and Kenya Ports Authority will return to league action with tricky fixtures in Nairobi this weekend.

The two teams are fresh from their participation in the just-concluded Fiba East Africa Zone Five Club Championship in Mombasa.

Co-op Bank will meet Kenyatta University's Pirates today at Strathmore University out-door courts in Madaraka starting at 4pm. Tomorrow, the bankers have another tough tie against KPA at Nyayo Stadium gymnasium from 4pm.

Co-op Bank, under coach Carey Oketch, had won three league matches in a row before their mediocre performance in Mombasa.

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KPA's loss to Burundi's Urunani in the East Africa Zone Five final

KPA, on the other hand, qualified for the men's Zone Five qualifier final only to be beaten at home 59-68 by reigning champions Urunani of Burundi. Today, KPA will start as favorites against hosts Mennonites. Mennonites led by Felx Odhiambo crashed 31-68 to Blades last weekend. Women's champions KPA will also play two away matches in Nairobi. Today they will be up against Safe Spaces before meeting Co-op Bank tomorrow. In other matches, Terrorists have a date with Equity Bank today and Kenya Airports Authority tomorrow.

Today's fixtures: At Strathmore University - Oryx v Storms (9am), Baraka Xtreme v World Hope (10.30am), Safe Spaces v KPA (12pm), KCA-U v Trailblazers (12pm), Zetech College v Upper Hill School (2pm), Mennonites v KPA (2pm), Co-op Bank v Pirates (4pm), Strathmore v Mennonites (10am), KAA v Strathmore University (12pm), Terrorists v Equity Bank (3pm). **Tomorrow:** At Strathmore - World Hope v Dankind Academy (9am), Oryx v Safe Spaces (10.30am), Mennonites v Ulinzi (12pm), Upper Hill v Umoja (2pm). At Nyayo stadium: Co-op Bank v KPA (9am), KAA v Terrorists (10.30am)

Otundo closes in on shooting title

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On form Sanford Otundo from the General Service Unit (GSU) remains on course for his maiden Kenya Open Shoot victory after winning three events to count for the Dobbie Cup at Laikipia Shooting Range.

Otundo took the lead with a total 533.35v going into the penultimate round later yesterday with sterling performances in Stuart Wortley, A.O. Roberts Memorial and Drummond Trophies.

Yesterday's penultimate stage was to feature 300m, 500m and 600m, with the top 24 shooters proceeding to today's final in 800m and 900m respectively.

Kenya Defence Forces' Moses Wachira won the Super X1 Class at Dobbie Cup at 533.35v, beating David Kirui from GSU by a vee-bull as Peter Muli (GSU) settled for X1 Class honours in 519.25v with William Ahongo (GSU) 514.30v taking X2.

League teams shift focus to GOtv Shield tournament

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County Stadium, eager to collect a win and remain on course to winning the trophy and Sh2 million in cash prize.

The Francis Baraza-coached side is hungry from a win after a stifling second leg of the season which has seen them win only once in 11 league encounters.

Earlier, coach Robert Matano had been set to face his former employ-

ers as his current club Ulinzi Stars was scheduled to play Tusker FC but this match has been shelved to allow the soldiers rest as they have just returned from the military games.

Game plan

Meanwhile, Gor Mahia's new coach Frank Nuttall says he will take one match at a time as he prepares for his first assignment against fellow title favourites Tusker FC.

Nuttall who arrived in the country on Wednesday morning before being unveiled by the Gor Mahia management later that afternoon, led the team to their first training session on Friday morning as he stated he was impressed with the zeal the players had.

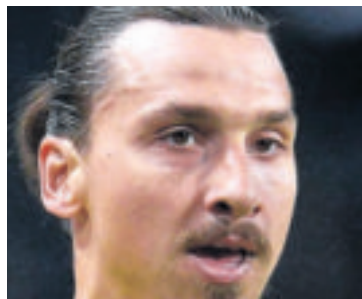
"This is my first official training session with the boys. On Thursday, I was introduced to them during their friendly match and I can say they are a good lot of players

hungry for success," said the Scot who replaced compatriot Bobby Williamson as head coach of the league defending champions.

But Nuttall has said some of his players were slightly below expectations but that can be worked on before the next league match.

"The level of fitness is good, but there is room for improvement. Some players are not at par with the rest. They need to understand fitness is key to success."

Ibrahimovic breaks Swedish scoring record



Solna, Sweden

Paris Saint-Germain striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored a record-breaking 50th goal for Sweden in an international friendly against Estonia on Thursday, and then picked up a booking.

The PSG forward drew level with Sven Rydell's post-World War II tally of 49 with a third minute effort.

He then claimed the record for himself in the 24th minute, celebrating the feat by lifting his shirt to reveal a t-shirt with written on the back "50 goals" and on the front "it's you who made it possible".

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Age of Sweden and PSG striker Zlatan Ibrahimovich who scored a record-breaking 50th goal for Sweden on Thursday

He was promptly yellow-carded for the gesture.

The 32-year-old Ibrahimovic was earning his 99th international cap, with his 100th set to come in Monday's Euro 2016 qualifier against Austria.

The Swede scored a club record 41 goals in all competitions for French champions PSG last season. But Ibrahimovic does not expect to finish his career as his country's all-time record cap winner.

Zlatan on 99 caps

The Paris Saint-Germain forward is currently on 99 caps but at 32 years of age is running out of time to match Anders Svensson's mark of 148.

"No, we won't be striking Anders Svensson from the record books," said the often temperamental Ibrahimovic, according to TT press agency yesterday.

The former Juventus, Inter Milan, Barcelona and AC Milan forward broke his country's scoring record on Thursday by notching a brace in a 2-0 win over Estonia in Solna, taking him to 50 international goals.

The previous record was set by Sven Rydell, who scored 49 goals in just 43 internationals between 1923 and 1932. Ibrahimovic admitted that beating the scoring record had been one of his aims. "When I passed Henrik Larsson (who scored 37 times for Sweden) it became fixed."

"I thought I was number one at that time, but I wasn't," he said. "Now it's nice to have the record." (AFP)

INTERNATIONAL FRIEDNLIES | It's mixed fortunes for teams in build-up matches ahead of



Chelsea striker Diego Costa has pulled out of the Spain squad to face Macedonia in their opening Euro 2016 qualifier in Valencia on Monday due to a hamstring injury.

The 25-year-old played for over an hour in the European champions 1-0 defeat to France in a friendly on Thursday and will be replaced in

the squad by 18-year-old Barcelona wonderkid Munir El Haddadi.

"Diego Costa left the Spanish training base this morning due to a hamstring injury in his left leg," said a statement on the Spanish national team's website.

"The injury was detected by a scan carried

out this afternoon after the player complained of the pain after playing yesterday against France."

Costa's injury leaves Spain boss Vicente del Bosque very short on attacking options with the inexperienced Paco Alcacer the only natural striker left in the squad.

New-look Italy floor Dutch,

Azzurri score two goals inside 10 minutes to see off the battling World Cup semi-finalists in new era under inspirational coach Conte

Bari, Italy

Two goals in the first 10 minutes were enough to see Italy to a 2-0 friendly victory over World Cup semi-finalists the Netherlands and launch their new era under coach Antonio Conte in style.

Playing Conte's trademark 3-5-2 formation, the Italians came out on the front foot and were ahead after just three minutes when new Borussia Dortmund signing Ciro Immobile found the net after a long pass from Leonardo Bonucci.

Captain Daniele De Rossi doubled their advantage in the 10th minute after newcomer Simone Zaza was fouled in the area by Bruno Martins Indi, who received his marching orders.

De Rossi made no mistake from the spot.

"It's always good to begin with a win," said Conte. "In six training sessions the boys have understood the style of play and executed it...a manager can have a thousand ideas but it's the players who can make or break the fortunes of a coach."

His Dutch counterpart, Guus Hiddink, who has replaced Manchester United's new boss Louis van Gaal,

reflected: "After 10 minutes the match was over.

"After the sending off the aim was not to let in any more goals, but we lost to a very good side. We won't panic, we have to remain concentrated, there are negatives from this match, but also positives."

Made a mess of final touch

Zaza should have marked his debut with a goal 10 minutes later when he was allowed to go through alone on goal after a high-speed counter-attack led by Immobile, but made a mess of his final touch.

Against a surprisingly tame 10-man Dutch side, the two new front men combined well and the mercurial Mario Balotelli will have his work cut out to convince Conte to change the winning line-up.

Italy open their Euro 2016 campaign with a relatively easy trip to Oslo to take on Norway.

Elsewhere, Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng will make his Germany comeback against Scotland in a Euro 2016 Group D qualifier in Dortmund on Sunday.

Boateng missed Wednesday's humbling 4-2 friendly home defeat to Argentina due to inflammation in his knee.

"Jerome doesn't feel any more pain and will no doubt return," said Germany's goalkeeping coach Andreas Kopke yesterday. "We expect him to be in the starting line-up on Sunday."

Boateng should line up alongside Dominik Hoewedes in central defence after Kevin Grosskreutz and Erik Durm were run a merry dance by man-of-the-match Angel di Maria and his teammates on Wednesday.

Germany coach Joachim Loew will nonetheless have to make do once again without the services of Mesut Ozil, Sami Khedira and Mats Hummels. (AFP)

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Antonio Conte, Italy coach

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Italy's midfielder Daniele De Rossi (left) fights for the ball with Netherlands' defender Daryl Janmaat during their friendly match on Thursday in Bari.



start of the qualifiers for the 2016 European championships



Edivinson Cavani set Uruguay on their way to a comfortable 2-0 win over Japan yesterday as Mexican Javier Aguirre endured a painful first game in charge of the Asian champions. If Aguirre was under any illusions as to the scale of the task he faces in rebuilding Japan's World Cup flops, they were soon extinguished in

Sapporo, Cavani pouncing in the 34th minute to give the South Americans a deserved lead. Substitute Abel Hernandez doubled Uruguay's advantage after 70 minutes, stabbing home from close range following another mix-up in the Japanese defence. "Uruguay are a very strong team and you

can't afford to make defensive errors, or they will punish you. We made two mistakes, they scored twice and it was all over," Aguirre said. Even without controversial Barcelona striker Luis Suarez, Uruguay had too much pace and power for a toothless Japan side captained by the ineffective Keisuke Honda.

beaten Spain take positives

Del Bosque says his team's performance in defeat to Les Bleus augurs well ahead of their Euro 2016 qualifiers

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque saw plenty of positives in defeat as the deposed world champions began a new era with a 1-0 friendly defeat to France in Paris on Thursday.

In their first game since bowing out of the World Cup, Spain had three debutants in their starting line-up at the Stade de France and a goalkeeper in David de Gea winning just his second cap, while Santi Cazorla, at 29, was the oldest player to feature.

The result was a first defeat to France since the last 16 of the World Cup in 2006, just before the start of their golden era, and a failure to muster a single shot on target as substitute Loic Remy's 73rd-minute effort for the hosts made the difference.

However, Del Bosque, 63, believes the performance against a side he rates highly augurs well ahead of the start of their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign against Macedonia in Valencia on Monday.

"There was a good attitude from everyone. We moved the ball well and there were plenty of positives to take with lots of new faces," said the coach, who has seen Xavi Hernandez, Xabi Alonso and David Villa retire from international football and was

1-0

Spain's loss to France in an international friendly football match on Thursday

also missing the likes of Andres Iniesta and Gerard Pique in Paris.

"It was an even game. They had quicker transitions, but we controlled the game more. We need more matches but we will improve and in general I think we showed we are a good team."

The lack of a cutting edge was surely the biggest concern, with Spain only coming close to equalising when substitute David Silva sent a shot narrowly wide seven minutes from time, but Del Bosque believes that centre-forward Diego Costa, again disappointing as he was at the World Cup, will eventually come good at international level.

"We didn't take what chances we had but the connection with Diego Costa was better. We need to link up well with him. They are very strong defensively and didn't let us play."

Familiar faces will come back over the course of the qualifying campaign, in which Spain's biggest tests will probably come against Ukraine and Slovakia, but the new faces will continue to play a prominent role going into the finals in two years.

"First we need to qualify," said Del Bosque. "Even if we had done better at the World Cup I think we would still have taken the same measures. The regeneration of the team was needed but we maintain the same basis of players as in the past." (AFP)



French midfielder Paul Pogba (left) vies with Spanish midfielder Santiago Cazorla during their friendly football match on Thursday at the Stade de France.

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Vincente Del Bosque, Spain coach



Sturridge in fitness scare ahead of clash



London

England striker Daniel Sturridge has suffered a fitness scare ahead of his side's opening Euro 2016 qualifier against Switzerland next week.

Sturridge sustained an unspecified injury during a training session with Roy Hodgson's squad at their St George's Park base yesterday.

The Liverpool star has been sent for a scan and will be checked by England's medical team before it is decided whether he can feature against the Swiss in Basel on Monday.

A post via the team's official Twitter account, @england, said: "Daniel Sturridge felt an injury in training this morning and will go for a scan this afternoon. He will then be assessed by England medics."

Outcome of scan

Hodgson will be sweating on the outcome of the scan as Sturridge was one of England's better performers in the lacklustre 1-0 friendly win over Norway at Wembley on Wednesday.

There was another worrying sign for Hodgson as Chelsea defender Gary Cahill sat out training on Friday with an ankle complaint, although he is expected to return in time to feature in the Group E opener.

The England manager is already having to take an inexperienced squad to St Jakob-Park, with the international retirements of Steven Gerrard, Frank Lampard and Ashley Cole compounded by a lengthy injury list which includes Theo Walcott, Adam Lallana, Ross Barkley, Michael Carrick, Andy Carroll, Kyle Walker, Glen Johnson, Luke Shaw and Chris Smalling.

Cahill unaware of injury

Cahill said he did not know the latest about Sturridge and is just hoping the Liverpool marksman can shake it off in time to lead England's line against Switzerland.

"I've just seen him as he was going out to get a scan so obviously personally I know nothing about that as yet. We'll just keep our fingers crossed for him," he said on Sky Sports News.

"He's a key player for club and country. He's been fantastic of late and a real top player, which is why we'll keep our fingers crossed."

England came in for plenty of criticism for their showing against Norway, their first match after a dismal World Cup exit at the group stages.

"It's disappointing, but expected from what happened in the summer," said Cahill. (AFP)



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Kenyan pros make it to the last two rounds of Uganda Open in Kampala. P. 53



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GOtv shield action takes centre stage

AFC Leopards, Sofapaka take on opponents in this weekend's fourth round ties

BY CELLESTINE OLILO
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The Gotv Shield tournament continues this weekend, with defending champions AFC Leopards taking on lower division side Ligi Ndogo in the fourth round at the City Stadium. Leopards, who laboured to a 3-2 win over Mathare United a fortnight ago, will have to win over the National Super League side if they are to realize their dream of retaining the title.

Lying 10th in the league, the Gotv

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We have prepared very well because we have in the past been punished for overlooking small teams. We also saw how Gor Mahia exited this competition and we would not like to go through the same experience”
Juma Abdalla, AFC's asst. coach

Shield presents Ingwe's best chance of lifting a trophy before the end of the season. For this, assistant coach Juma Abdalla has said that they will give everything in the match to ensure that they stay in the competition.

“We have prepared very well because we have in the past been punished for overlooking small teams. We also saw how our rivals Gor Mahia exited this competition and we would not like to go through the same experience,” he said.

Players ready

“The players are ready and I believe we shall win the match convincingly and remain in the competition,” he added.

Despite their embarrassing position in the log, Leopards have shown remarkable improvement in the second leg, and are currently riding on a five-match unbeaten record.

The return of speedy winger Noah Wafula to the squad after a long term shoulder injury in the first leg has sharpened the team's strike force and with the coach determined to carve out a top ten finish; all pointers indicate that Ligi Ndogo will have to bring out all their machinery to ward off the Big Cats.

Muhoroni will also come up against league top scorers Sofapaka at the Kisumu

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Noah Wafula (right) of AFC Leopards dribbles past Mathare United's Robinson Kamura during their GOtv Shield knockout match on August 22 at Nyayo Stadium.

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Pursuant to Article 196 subsection 1 and 2 of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 14(3)(c) of County Government Act, No.17 of 2012 and Interim County Assembly Standing Orders 42(1 and 3). The County Assembly of Nandi hereby notifies the general public that the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly has received the list of nominees for composition of the Nandi County Land Management Board for approval and shall be vetted as follows:

NAME	DATE	TIME
1. LEAH JEPKEMEI SAMOEI	MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER 2014	9 AM TO 10 AM
2. CATHERINE CHEBET SANG	MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER 2014	10 AM TO 11 AM
3. DONALD KIBET KOROS	MONDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER 2014	11 AM TO 12 PM
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7. BENJAMIN K. BIRECH	TUESDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER 2014	11 AM TO 12 PM

The candidates are required to be at the vetting venue 30 minutes before the indicated time. They are expected to come with the following:

- Original National Identity card.
- Curriculum vitae/personal credential original academic certificates and other testimonials.
- Compliance certificates from Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)
- Clearance certificate from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).
- Certificate of Good Conduct from Criminal Investigation Department (CID)

The vetting will be held on 15th and 16th September 2014 at Nandi County Assembly Chambers. Additionally the appointees are required to collect and duly fill public appointment vetting (approval forms) from the clerk's office so as to return same on or before 12th September 2014 at 9:00 am.

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This is therefore to call upon members of the public to bring written submissions on oath to the office of the clerk. The submissions should be on the suitability or otherwise of the candidates to be appointed to the Board.

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From the editor

We all harbour dreams and career aspirations, and they generally tend to be shaped as we go through the school process. By the time we are finishing high school, we know that we want to go to university to become lawyers, doctors, architects, and so on.

So many of those dreams are shaped by the people who mentor us as we grow up – teachers, parents, older relatives. They generally want the best for us, and for them, the best usually means a university education that culminates in a white collar job that gives you access to a mortgage and health cover, and enough salary to pay your bills and give them something small every now and then.

And you know what? That life usually sucks.

That's why this week's Satmag is dedicated to teaching you to look at life from a different point of view – because we really do want the best for you, and want you to recognise that the best is what you want for yourself, not necessarily what everyone else wants for you.

So what if you go to university and get your law or medical or architectural degree... and come out into this flooded, extremely competitive job market and discover that you will probably have to start your journey to the corner office by scrubbing floors and making tea? That's where you turn to Waceke Nduati this week. She tells you all about why you need to redefine what 'dream job' means to you. Perhaps it's not the corner office of a tall building that houses the blue-chip company that pays your mortgage. Perhaps your dream job is on a farm, in stall in a market-place or even on the internet. Open your

eyes, think outside the box, be creative. Don't limit yourself.

Perhaps you want to be an artist, or an actress like Lupita Nyong'o, and you are aware that in Kenya, these jobs don't often pay much and don't open big doors. You may want to try your luck abroad – and if you turn to our main feature, you will find tons of advice from women who are making waves in different fields outside Kenya, and what you need to bring to the table in order to stand out. Sophie Ikenye, Zein

Virjee and fitness enthusiast Jane Mukami are just some of them.

Perhaps you feel you took a wrong turn with your corporate job and now you want out. Well, that's what our Woman of Passion section is all about, to give you hope that no matter how deeply entrenched in your career you think you are, there is always time to explore your dreams.

So do turn to the rest of the magazine for a dose of inspiration this week. Have a lovely Saturday, everyone!

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EDITOR'S BAROMETER

A few things you need to know about your car

For a save driving experience, you need to understand how to:

- **Change a flat tyre:** Loosen the tyre nuts before jacking the car up, remove the nuts, replace the wheel, screw the nuts back on, lower the car and tighten the nuts. It's that simple.
- **Check fluid levels:** When you open the bonnet, you should be able to locate you transmission, brake, wiper, coolant and battery fluids, and top up accordingly.
- **Where your driver's manual is:** This booklet tells you all you need to know about your car's maintenance needs. Find it or download it off the Internet.



■ **Suspension sounds:** As a rule, your suspension should be silent when you hit a bump or turn the wheel. If there are any creaks, groans, scratches or screeches, learn to identify what the source is, in order to better direct your mechanic and avoid being conned.

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WITH JACKSON BIKO

My gift to a groom

Today, a young man called Jack gets married. Here are some pieces of advice for him.

Somewhere in Nairobi there is a gentleman called Jack who will be walking his bride down the aisle today. I don't know Jack personally, but I know Jack's bride, Zippy, Quiet girl. Nice girl. Industrious. Level-headed. A few days ago Zippy loomed over my desk and asked, "Biko, what is the one piece of advice you would give my husband-to-be?" I could think of about a million pieces of advice.

Jack, you might not know me personally, but we are men and such, we have a common destiny. So here is my wedding present to you: A few skills to help you survive the sea you are about to set sail in.

Shut up
Absolute honesty in marriage is overrated. You can't declare everything. So you ran into your ex? Shut up. So your aunties hate your wife's guts? Shut up. So you hate how her dead beat brother come over and drink all your

booze and 'borrow' your shoes? Well, that you have to stop, but with a lot of diplomacy. Rule of thumb: Before you tell your wife anything, ask yourself one important question: Does it affect the bottomline of the relationship? If it doesn't, shut up because anything you say in marriage can and shall be used against you at some point.

Walk away
You will be driven up the wall. There will be useless fights that start out of the blue. Unexpected and annoying bouts of sulking. She will get you so mad you will feel hair grow on your toes. Don't ever say a thing in a moment of red-hot anger. Just learn to walk away.

Listen
This is the best skill. When they start talking they don't stop. You have things you want to say? Not important, buddy. Here are a few interjections you can use to walk away.



Other women
You will be attracted to another woman at some point. Yes, stop acting so pious; talking they don't stop. You have things you want to say? Not important, buddy. Here are a few interjections you can use to walk away.

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My gift to a groom

I love Jackson Biko's articles. The one he did last weekend titled My gift to the groom rocked my world. He gave funny but practical tips. If the groom followed them, trust me their relationship will have very few fights because all a woman needs is attention. Even when she is not making sense listen to her. Hope the next one will be advice for the bride.

Shelmith Wahome, Kerugoya

My gift to the groom was a great piece indeed. It was an eye opener and got me smiling at some point especially when he spoke about how we men thump our chests in the bar then tip toe like refugees at home. Keep talking to us we're listening. I am a Mantalk fan.

Colin, via email

Thank you, Biko for your article. You hit it bang on the head. You truly gave it to them as it is.

Carole Leteipans, via email

Jackson Biko's article was both hilarious and insightful. It just about covers the groom's what to do list in order to sail

that marriage ship successfully. Grooms should however be careful because we have mastered a way to know if you play 'pretend to listen'. Eye contact indicates truth, interest and straightforwardness and men use this to their advantage to trick us into believing that they are paying attention. We know this.

Jebet Kiptoo, via email

Don't go to court for child support

The article by Florence Bett in the Babylove column last week refers. It was an informative piece. It is now an opportune time for couples to explore other avenues for seeking child support after separation rather than going for the usual court process which is time consuming, tedious and financially straining for both the parties involved in the case. It is also a known fact that many women in Kenya use legal court processes to extort money from men and 99 per cent of the cases are ruled against by the court. Regardless of who wins the case it is still physically and psychologically draining

due to the process of piecing together evidence and testifying before a court of law which a time can turn out to be a tormenting procedure.

Stanley Kimutai Waitagei, via email

The article on child custody was very informative and educative. Keep up the good work.

Daniel M, via email

Take charge of your finances

We are fond of blaming people in our lives for our financial failure. No salary is ever enough. Even those earning seven figures never get enough of the salary. Expenses grow concurrent with the growth in salary. It's wise to ask yourself the question, "Am I living the life I ought to and I can afford?" As humans we try living a life we can't afford and end up blaming our employers. How you spend you cash today determines the kind of life you will live tomorrow. Save yourself the tussle tomorrow. We should earn to invest no matter how little we do.

Calvin Macharia, via email

Waceke Nduati Omanga's article was indeed an eye opener to many who might have read it. Many a time we attribute our failures to people who may be attached to our places of work. We fail to take responsibility and shape our own destiny as far as financial matters are concerned. To get out of this cocoon we need to take the first step and take charge of the position we are currently in. We are wherever we are because of our personal decisions and there is no need of the blame game. It will be crazy to blame someone for the spending habits we have chosen to suit our life style. It is

thus wise to stop in whatever position we are in matters of finance and do personal evaluation. There is no future in the past, we should avoid lamenting over our past whether good or bad instead we need to look ahead and plan well so as to attain financial freedom.

Franklin Mukembu, Kajuki-Nithi

Loving a man who loves himself

It was sad reading a bout Maryanne who was a victim of a narcissistic husband. It is clear that the man thinks only about himself and she should never have been loyal to him to begin with. Seeing the unimaginable things she went through, it is hardly surprising that the marriage failed.

Alnashir D Walji, Nairobi

When the other woman is a man

This was an interesting piece. I admired the love of the woman who continued being with her man even after the big discovery. I wish we all had such love.

Cynthia Nganga, via email

Yes, do sweat the small stuff

The article by Dr Joachim Osur was informative and I now understand why marriages break and people in a marriage go for months and years without getting intimate. It is so devastating where sex drive goes away and you start viewing your partner as a sister or even an enemy. Most of us try to tame the small things our partner keep on doing but pride and arrogance makes them keep on doing them. Unless we tame our behaviour, relationships will never flourish if one person keeps on doing some things that the other doesn't like

Macharia N., via email

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JOB MARKETS

How to choose the right career for your personality

It is often said that the best way to succeed in your career is to pursue something that you truly enjoy and like sincerely. Many people believe they like certain jobs, only to realise much later that the stress they are experiencing is because they chose the wrong kind of job for their personality. For instance, several people tend to select a medical career without realising that it is a calling. It requires an empathetic people-person with lots of energy, who can stand the sight of blood. If you know for sure that you do not have this combination, you will eventually become frustrated. It is therefore crucial that you to understand the little personality



nuances you have, and how they could affect your choice of career.

Early childhood teaching:

Apart from loving children enormously, this job requires an easygoing personality with a lot of patience. You cannot succeed if you are a snappy, easily



irritated type of person. Neither is it for the well manicured and coiffed woman. Think about handling play dough and paints. It suits the type of woman who is most comfortable in her jeans, who enjoys play and song. It is a job for the person who does not mind revealing her inner child. It is ideal for those who prefer to have plenty of free time, or who wish to combine motherhood with work.

Sales and marketing:

This career requires an easy going, talkative personality. If you are convincing, persistent and patiently persuasive, this could be the ideal job. It suits women who are result-driven and wish to make money. At times, it requires one to survive on their wits and charm. One of the most difficult known jobs in human history is that of insurance sales. Those who manage to breakthrough in insurance sales and marketing are able to succeed in

almost any other career.

PR/Journalism:

This suits the sort of person who is intrigued by people, events and discoveries. It takes a curious mind and an excellent communicator to succeed in this field. It requires one to have a way with words, and this is where a love of reading comes in. The ability to piece together an occurrence to make it come alive in people's eyes takes insight.

Policewoman:

This career suits the sort of person who lives by rules, order and discipline. If you are the sort of person who has woken up at the same time daily for the last five years and is never ever late for anything, you should consider this job. If you respect higher authority without question, you will succeed.

- IRENE NJOROGHE-KRISTIAN (ETIQUETTE LECTURER).

FLAKES: KATE GETAO

In the boda boda business

You would think that there is nothing simpler in this world than starting a boda boda business. All you need is a cycle with a firm seat, a pair of strong legs and a busy street corner with a place where you can park. However, in today's world, everything needs to be more complicated than that.

Your first hurdle is the 'industry' and its 'barriers to entry.' Wherever there is business, there is also an 'association' that ensures that Tom, Dick and Jane confine themselves to other businesses, or at least to street corners with no clients. The industry association has a hefty entrance fee and a hefty private security arm to enforce compliance.

If you manage to navigate the complexities introduced by the industry association then your second hurdle is provided by the Press. This is a sector that seems to delight in publishing horror stories about young women who were strangled during a ride and then buried in the operator's com-

gruesome discovery. Once the potential customer on the busy street corner reads this story (and tell all her friends about it) it becomes necessary for the budding operator to not only identify himself but also to paste an insincere smile on his face in order to reassure a suspicious client that she is safe on his bicycle seat.

Another challenge is created by the hygiene industry and its ubiquitous advertising campaign for disinfectants. Now the client views the entire bicycle with disgust, suspecting that there are microbes lurking in every crevice.

The helmet is a fertile field for dangerous germs

Any offer of

a helmet for protection will be contemptuously refused, since it is clear that the helmet has absorbed sweat and been smeared with dust, turning it into a fertile field for the proliferation of dangerous germs. Some customers will not embark

until they have anointed all the contact points with disinfectant gel and sprayed the operator with air freshener. (I wonder if anyone has done a study on the long term effects of gel on vinyl.)

If you've joined the club, the Press has lost interest in your sector and

your clients are satisfied with your level of cleanliness, you are still not home and dry. Firstly, you really should try to get some skills (or at least some hand signals) for riding your bike safely in traffic. It is true that many people

patronise the boda boda because of its circus-worthy ability for swift and agile movement through heavy traffic. Perhaps it is deliberate that it is completely impossible for motorists to anticipate the manoeuvres of a boda boda cyclist. However, once in a while the confusion leads to a collision where the skeletal structures of the bike, the operator and any clients involved are irreparably damaged.

Which brings me to the last point – you really cannot separate the health sector from the transport sector. It would be nice if the boda boda operator could get some affordable health (and probably life too) insurance. Unfortunately, the insurance industry employs a lot of clever people called actuaries to calculate the risk that a client will actually make use of an insurance policy. Rumour has it that, whenever an actuary tries to calculate a suitable premium for a boda boda operator, the calculator goes up in smoke. (I understand that the association of magicians has been studying this trick carefully with a view to incorporating it into their catalogue.) The existence of boda boda businesses in town should also alert the public authorities to the need to plan for orthopaedic wards and health workers with orthopaedic skills.

However, the many challenges of starting this type of business have not stopped thousands of Kenyans from entering the trade. They enter it without a single worry in their heads except the possibility of being arrested for cruising their bike down a steep hillside at very high speed. Maybe we need a new discipline of clueless-aries to stand alongside actuaries and work out the risk appetites of certain sectors.

Get on your bike this Saturday.

BY JOAN THATIAH

Dressing the high and mighty



"I set out to have a career in IT but my love for fashion saw me setting up a clothes shop. I dress the high and mighty and my clientele is majorly high-end including the political class.

I am an early bird and today, like most mornings I was up at 4am for my morning devotions. Then I checked my mails and responded to the most urgent ones, and got ready to be at my shop by 8am.

"When I set up shop three years ago, I had high-end male clients on my mind. This is because men generally, unlike women, know what they want. Second, contrary to popular belief, high-end clients are usually easier to please. Once I know a client's size and style, the only thing they will have to do is choose from the colours that I will provide. I get my stock from Turkey and this is usually the easiest part of my job because I know exactly what my clients want.

"The most important thing when dealing with this type of clients, I have learnt, is never to compromise on quality. The first part of my morning was spent making deliveries to various clients whose schedules do not allow them to come to the shop. I choose to do this early in the morning because this is when most people are available before they get caught up in the daily weekday rush.

"At noon, I was back at the shop office making follow-ups on clients. I keep a database from where I pick clients who either haven't popped in for a while or who failed to keep appointments who I call to check up on. I draw inspiration from return clients because I take someone's coming back to mean that I am doing something right. I am keen on making a good first impression on new clients because my main form of advertising is referrals from happy customers.

"Not all days are smooth sailing. Today for instance, I met a first-time client who seemed intent on annoying me. He didn't think that he could find anything he would like, never mind that I just got back from a re-stocking trip. Then he had an issue with my prices, making sure to tell me that he has also been to Turkey. If I had encountered him when I started, I'd have told him off but I have since acquired patience. I simply breathe in and out.

"My day at work was over by 7pm and I drove straight home. I am a spiritual person and had it been Friday night, I would have gone to church for overnight prayers. I live alone and I showered and cooked in time to eat supper as I watched the 9pm news. Then I read a few pages of Faith Oyedepo's, The Effective Minister's Wife. I turned in at 10.30pm."

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MAINFEATURE

Daughters of the soil

Kenyan women on how their 'Kenyaness' helped them to make a mark around the world

By **Kingwa Kamencu**

If the world is a garden and the quality of people in a country are an indicator of its potential, the summation that Kenyan ground might be 'up there' in fertility indexes, might not be too much of an exaggeration.

Even away from the 'Obama is ours' jokes (he is), we have a quickly growing cluster of people locally born and raised, making waves across the world. They pop up in every field, in every corner, and we're not just talking athletics.

Lupita Nyong'o and Edi Gathegi are two such ambassadors, on the silver screen. STL and Owuor Arunga in the music world are two more. International high fashion model Ajuma Nasenyana and American NFL linebacker Daniel Adongo are other examples. Away from the limelight, Kenyans are making waves in the I.T,

literary, education, science, business and other spheres (Binyavanga Wainaina, Ngugi wa Thiongo, Ory Okolloh, Ayisi Mekatiani).

In Britain, Kenyan born entrepreneur Vijay Patel regularly tops lists of the wealthiest while

sculptor Magdalene Odundo's pieces fetch some of the highest prices in art galleries and auctions around the world.

In a quest to find out what these personas that straddle the world stage know, and what secret they have stumbled upon, the Saturday Magazine spoke to five such Kenyan women on the global stage.

Sophie Ikenye, host, BBC Focus on Africa

Location: London

"I have always been the curious kind, so that and a keen interest in world affairs really helped me stand out in the media world. Passion has also been a big part of it. Passion for something can be cultivated but it's mostly inborn.

"To get to the top of whatever area you are in, especially as a foreigner in another country, originality helps. The thing you must ask yourself is, what are you bringing to the table that's new, that's different?

"The way I look at it, being Kenyan and African has been vital to my journey and not a setback in any way. The fact that I present an African focused programme requires authenticity, which means it would have been so pretentious if I tried to change my accent.

"The toughest part of my journey has always been keeping up to speed with the changing dynamics of journalism and media. Staying relevant, as any journalist can tell you, is key. But



I learn every day and it's exciting.

"If one has a big dream and wants to step into the international arena, I'd advise that they take a good, hard look inside of themselves. Ask yourself, what moves you?

What gets your attention? What makes you wonder if you are the only one seeing things different? When you get the answer to those questions, that's it; that's what you should pursue. Your chances of failing

are much less because you are driven by what touches you. Stay passionate, curious, and don't forget your gift is to be used as a service, no matter what it is."

"To get to the top, originality helps." - Sophie Ikenye (right)

Zain Verjee, former news anchor with CNN; currently CEO of Zain Verjee Group, a media and advisory business.

"Commitment to learning as much as I could, being open to criticism and taking risks without being afraid of failure or rejection is a big part of what has brought me to where I am. The journey all started with me discovering my passion for communication when doing 'Love Lines' on Capital FM in Nairobi.

"To get to the top as a foreigner in another country takes doubling down. You've got to be twice as good and work twice as hard; merit is rewarded.

"I find that being Kenyan has been a major asset rather than having held me back in any way. It's enabled me to have real and genuine engagements with people where they are interested to know more about my background.

"The easiest part of my journey was

treating it like an adventure and absorbing as much as I could. I am always learning, always curious. The hardest part of it was feeling alone and isolated at the beginning when I knew no one, and didn't really know how to do TV and I missed my parents.

"Am I living my dream? I think we live different dreams at different times in our lives. My 14 years at CNN were incredible. My new career has spawned new dreams, where I would like to have a greater impact in telling Africa's stories as well as creating a digital platform to build and teach quality journalism in Africa, starting with Kenya. I think dreaming is an important part of life, and it's a process that evolves. Without our dreams, what are we?

"If you have a big dream and want to have an impact around the world, don't be afraid of failing or being rejected. If you fail once, just find another way to try to get where you want to. Believe in yourself and



if you want it badly enough, you will get it. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Have guts. Have fun. And indeed, as my father tells me, 'Dream the impossible dream.'

Soni Methu, CNN, presenter, Inside Africa

"I believe it is my personality that helped me stand out and get chosen for this job. I am a people person and feed off the energy of those I speak to and the places I go. It makes me blend in easily and hopefully makes the story believable and engaging.

"I discovered my passion slowly but then eventually got right into it. I saw it in people more than in myself; the reactions I got when I spoke. I wanted more of that, so I got into acting, reporting, and now hosting one of my favourite shows on television.

"Everything I have, I try to see as an asset or an opportunity, good and bad. In this case, I think being Kenyan, being African definitely favoured me. The show is called 'Inside Africa'; being the first African host of the longest feature show on CNN is a great compliment.

"The easiest part of this journey is the fact that the very work enables me to be in my element. I love telling stories, especially if they are good stories, through the eyes of the people involved. The hardest part so far has been corresponding with my fans and friends. It is a demanding job, and more often than not, our phones are off or out of coverage, which is difficult to explain to some avid fans.

"If you want to go after your dream, knowing who you are is the most important thing. If you know who you are and accept it, anything is possible. Learn your strength and make it stronger, learn your weakness and improve or work around it. If you make it in your small village in any industry, you can make it anywhere. Charity begins at home."

Rachel Marete, former Miss Kenya (2005); actress, singer, TV host and model.



Location: Los Angeles, California

"I left home age 20 for America (after scouring the internet for months submitting my profile to agencies in America for modeling until one out of hundreds finally responded) and my mom was absolutely horrified. I'm sure if she could have bound me in chains to keep me from leaving her she would have, but luckily she supported me and let me go. Today when she visits me, like she did just a few weeks ago, she muses over how I've helped her see and do things she would never have imagined, like visiting her daughter in Beverly Hills and strolling through Hollywood. If I hadn't gone for my dreams, we wouldn't all be here now, would we? So the first thing I would say is to follow your heart and refuse to embrace mediocrity if you can help it.

"In the model shoots, music productions, acting gigs and TV hosting I've done, I'd say it's a combination of things that has enabled me to stand out. Confidence, being prepared, talent and luck (being in the right place at the right time) are the most common denominators. When you audition for a role, you never know what the director is in search of. The best you can do is bring your A game and hope the rest of the stars align in your

favour.

"Would I say the journey has been worth it? Absolutely! My motto is in life is that "you only fail if you don't try". Through my journey I have grown so much as a person and an artiste. I get to go through life knowing that if someday I'm old and wrinkled and on my death bed looking back at my life, I'll have no regrets about how I lived it because I took the leap of faith and followed my dreams as farfetched as they seemed to many.

"I don't think being Kenyan has ever held me back from achieving anything. If anything, the natural perseverance and survival skills we have as a people allow us to adapt well wherever we go. Having that unique African perspective and culture on my side has

proved to be an asset as well. Sure, there are many jobs I have lost after being told my accent wasn't American enough, but I don't consider that a setback. Just something that director was not looking for at the time.

The easiest part of all this has been doing what I love. TV hosting, singing and acting. I realise how lucky I am to be pursuing what I love. The hardest part has been overcoming the constant fear of failure.

"Sometimes I have to pinch myself to believe that I am indeed where I am especially when I'm hosting red carpet interviews and finding myself speaking to people I look up to and never thought I'd meet, or when I find myself in their homes or working projects with them. If you want to make it big

SJane Mukami, 'Fit Kenyan Girl' fitness coach

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

"I've stood out in this sector probably because I'm the first Kenyan woman to publicise fitness and participate in body building competitions. My motivation, dedication and love for fitness has caused ripples and inspired lots of Kenyans worldwide to begin working out and eating clean.

I discovered fitness was my passion when I realised that I could spend endless hours discussing, reading and researching anything that's fitness related. I thought I loved what I do professionally (IT consulting) but my true love and passion for health and fitness and teaching others how to live a healthy lifestyle runs much deeper.

"A lot of different factors come into play when it comes to being able to thrive and succeed in a foreign country. You need to have a goal and a plan that shows steps needed to achieve the goal. Why are you going to this foreign country? What is it you want to accomplish? How are you going to accomplish it? You need to be grounded and focused so as to continually work towards your goal. Surround yourself with the people that motivate you to keep working towards your goal. Believe

– everything begins in the mind.

"Attending boarding school from class six to form four (1991-1997) made me extremely independent and structured. I consider this one of the greatest assets growing up in Kenya gave to me. Taking the time to remember where I was born and raised and where I've come from keeps me humbled, thankful and grounded.

"My professional success is also directly linked to Kenya. I trained in IT in a local college and after interning with the UN and working elsewhere for a year, this two-year experience was a solid background to landing a job at IBM within four months of arrival in the US.

"My fitness journey was not easy at first but it got easier as I learned more and fully understood what it took to get and stay fit. Usually the hardest part of any journey is mental readiness; once you control your mind and thoughts, everything else seems more manageable.

"In terms of living my dream, I would say I am very blessed and still working towards my dream life. For someone who wants to follow their dream, I would advise that they create a plan for their goal and execute it; find a well of inspiration and sip from it frequently. This might be in form of a book, a song or a mentor that has succeeded in the area you need guidance



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in. Lastly, do not listen to naysayers and haters. Keep your eyes focused on the prize, it is your dream, not theirs. If you believe in yourself, your haters' opinions should not bother you."

GIRLTALK

LIZZIE'S WORLD



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A night on her own...

Liz skips the wedding party for some solitude and meditation

Turn away awkwardly; it has been a long time since I have flirted with anyone and right now, I have no idea what way to proceed. Alex gives me a long, penetrating look.

"Are you ok?" he asks.

"Yes, yes," I wave his concern away. "My word, look at the time," I say, looking at my watch. "It has been such a long day, I probably should be going to bed by now."

"So early?" he asks. "Don't you want to stay and dance a little more?"

Truth is, I do, but the awkwardness of all of this – the altercation with Philip and nearly ruining Jo's big day, this situation with Alex – is starting to wear me out. All I want to do is run away. I stand up from my seat and pick up my purse. "I'll just go and wish the bride a good night," I say.

"Do I at least get a hug?" Alex asks.

I smile, again, awkwardly. "Yes, sure," I say. Then I proceed to give him a one-handed, sisterly type hug. "Be good!" I say as brightly as I can muster. "Find a pretty girl to flirt with."

"Hmm," he says, and adds nothing else. Then I turn on my heel in a pretty determined manner and make for Jo and the rest of the wedding party at their table.

"I'm off to bed now," I say, leaning over to shout in Jo's ear over the loud music.

"Why so early?" she yelps. "I'm the one who's pregnant here, not you, so I should be

the one to retire earliest."

"No, because it's your big day and I am wiped from all the activity," I say. "I'll see you guys at breakfast?" I say. They all nod and wave, and I am quite happy I don't have to make any long explanations and that my friends are all so understanding.

On my walk back to the room, I reflect on the events of the evening; I can't deny that I am fiercely attracted to Alex. But then I have met his type before and I would rather swallow a vat of rat poison than end up heartbroken again by a man who is clearly out of my reach.

"But what about the fact that he is quite clearly attracted to you too?" I ask myself. "Doesn't that count for something?" It should, yes, but I have been on the receiving end of words that are not followed up by action, and I don't want to be played for a fool again like Chris did me. So as much as I am attracted to him, I will have to nip this in the bud. And thank heavens Alex has not asked for my number; it means that once this weekend is over, I will not have to see him ever again. And that will be the end of that.

I get to my room, unlock my door, take off my heels to give my aching feet a rest and then walk across the hotel room to the balcony door. I open the door and step out onto the balcony, breathing in the fresh Naivasha air and surveying the grounds before me, the lake glittering in the distance. Music from the wedding party and the clinking of glasses, plates and peoples' laughter wafts over in

the wind, and for a moment, I feel an intense loneliness; these are sights and sounds that should be shared with a special

RESEARCHCENTRE

By Joan Thatiah

Couples on marijuana fight less?

The findings of a new study suggest that if more couples smoked weed, then there would be less domestic violence. The study, from the University of Buffalo, investigating the relationship between spousal violence and marijuana use, found that couples where both partners frequently used marijuana reported less instances of domestic violence (which was described as hitting, biting and choking).

The researchers surveyed 634 couples through a period of the first nine years of their married life. The researchers also looked into other issues that might cause fights such as their personalities. During the course of the study, 22 per cent of the wives smoked pot while 28 per cent of the husbands also engaged in the habit.

Previous research has shown that alcohol use strongly predicts spousal violence and that domestic violence often follows substance use, but this new research unearths the different impact of marijuana use on physical aggression.

Less spousal violence

Use of marijuana by both husbands and wives predicted fewer instances of spousal violence, and the husband's marijuana use also predicted less abuse from the wives. The couples that used marijuana three or more times a month reported the least frequency of domestic violence. The relationship between marijuana use and reduced partner violence was most evident amongst women who did not have histories of prior antisocial behaviour.

The reasoning behind it

Ken Leonard, the study author and the Director of Research on addictions at the university observes that couples who engage in this habit were found to have similar habits, values, social circles and likes and dislikes, perhaps explaining the minimal fall outs. Also, one of the side effects of marijuana smoking is a calming, disoriented sensation, which was found to be unlikely to fan violence. Marijuana smoking also interferes with short-term memory making a person less likely to remember wrongs.

Despite these findings, Kenyan couples who do not smoke weed do not seem eager to take up this habit. "If it works for them, good for them. We wouldn't smoke weed, not in 20 years," states Geoffrey Owuor, a Nairobi based graphic designer who has been married for five years.



GIRLTALK

GOLD ORGANIC

WOMAN OF PASSION

JOAN THATIAH

In the organics business

Marion Moon tells Elizabeth Merab about quitting the corporate world to be the managing director of Wanda Organic farming solutions.



Wanda Organic founder and managing director Marion Moon during the interview on organic fertilizer in her office.

It is a Monday morning and people are busy rushing to their offices. Just like them, Marion Atieno Moon is heading to her work place. Her office, though, is different from a lot of other offices.

She has to wear gumboots, get comfortable with the whiff of cow dung and interact with farmers from all corners of the country, despite the language barrier, to impact positively in their lives. This is what gives Marion satisfaction in life.

Having graduated from Australia with a degree in business management, getting jobs was almost easy in a country far from her home. Content with her then jobs, she gave her best at her work places and tried to be outstanding.

"I was young and eager to work and back then, jobs were almost readily available," Marion says.

However, her ambition did not let her stay in one job too long. She was constantly looking for a more challenging platform. "I learn quickly and

once I know how to do something I get bored and get the urge for a new challenge. So when a job got 'boring' I would get other thought-provoking offers and I moved. One day I realised that I was injuring my career."

In a span of five years, she had held as many jobs. After her graduation in 2006, Marion came back home and did her internship at the Kenya Tourism Board before shifting to Scangroup a year later as a media planner.

After a short stint, she sought a job in Uganda as a media consultant, but would soon get used to the routine and quit to join Aon Uganda as an executive assistant in 2009, where she lasted for two years.

"I was never feeling fulfilled," she says. In 2011, she was at it again. This time, it came with the urge to come back home. She wanted to become her own boss. The need to take care of her mother overwhelmed her and the wish to make a direct impact on people made it worse.

"The lack of self-actualisation in my previous jobs was constantly haunting me and I felt that something was amiss," she says. "The urge to not only quit but also come home grew stronger each passing day and I could not stand staying one more day there."

Determined to quit, she gave a one month notice to resign. But her boss was not too willing to let her go and even offered to transfer her to Nairobi office but have her retained. After unsuccessful convincing from her boss, she packed her bags. However, her family was not too happy with her move and for months, none of them understood why she quit. "My family went ballistic on me and I just did not know what to do. But deep inside I felt I was going to do something big."

With no job, she was only left with travelling at her disposal – and she made the most out of it. A trip to Thailand gave her the niche she was constantly in search of. "I went to Bangkok where farmers use organic fertilisers, which greatly improved their yields through soil fertility. It is then that I realised what I wanted to do – to start my own business that would make an impact. This would definitely work by introducing the use of organic fertiliser to improve soil fertility in Kenya. It took me a few months to find the 'Wanda idea' and once I identified it, I registered and started," she says.

Marion visited farms in Bangkok and Manila to see what was used for the preparation of the organic fertiliser, and later borrowed the idea to implement it home. However, it was not all rosy, as the initial cost for starting up the business was way too much. Drawing her motivation from her father who is in the agriculture sector, she was still determined to succeed. "I sold everything I had, from my cars to my house and at 30, moved back home just to sustain my brainchild."

Other than the financial constrain, piercing through the heavily patriarchal sector proved even harder for her, having to deal with critics who she says were not too accommodative.

"I remember attending meetings where stakeholders were pointing fingers and asking irrelevant questions about my marital status but one thing I will never forget was when one of them told me to make sure I went with my husband to the next meeting," she recalls.

However, despite the challenges, the first born in a family of three has managed to register her organic fertiliser company. Using USAID funding, she has been able to conduct trials with farmers in their 35 trial farms across the country. Though she did not sit in a class to learn about agriculture, she has employed six technical assistances who assist her with the technical bits during field sessions.

"You don't have to be an expert in the field. You can employ experts to assist you with that as you manage the smooth running of the business," she advises. "I fall in love with agriculture more and more every day. I love not having to dress formally all the time because gumboots are very comfortable and my interaction with the farmers always light up my days. I think I have found my niche," she beams.

ADVICE FOR SOMEONE VENTURING INTO AGRICULTURE:

- Have a mission and vision – know why you are venturing into agriculture and where in the value chain you want to place your focus.
- Be serious and professional in the venture you have chosen, knowing that it is more than a hobby. Many people try to do things by remote control instead of being practical. Go to the field and interact with the farmers.
- Agriculture has so many variables that one cannot always control like ever variable the climate. It is wise to be in touch with your business and be flexible and good at managing risks.
- You don't have to be an expert in whatever you do but be ready to work while learning at the same time. Better still, be an expert at managing the business and driving the vision.
- It is always advisable to start small and grow by learning through experience and supplement it by reading and interacting with other farmers and people in the sector.



Marion explaining how to use the organic fertiliser to a group of Twone Mbee farmers in Machakos County.

MALE PERSPECTIVE

MANTALK
WITH JACKSON BIKO

The ex is in the past

Women, please stop asking about women we left behind ages ago. We don't care and neither should

The sun is out, gorgeous weather. You are sprawled on the sofa, sipping a cold beer. You are busy minding your own business, maybe watching a rerun of Top Gear. Then she comes from the bedroom, or the kitchen – or even out the lamp like a genie, it's hard to tell – but suddenly she has materialised and is now sitting across from you on the other sofa. She sighs loudly, and you know there is a question on her mind. An annoying one. There is a way women sit when they want to ask something that will annoy you. They don't settle into the chair, they perch on the edge of it and wring their hands. Then comes that barely audible

sigh, as if she has so much in her mind while you are busy – trivially – watching grown men test awkward-shaped cars in deserts. Of course you ignore that sigh because that sigh is the Pandora's box. You don't want to deal with that question now, not when Clarkson is fighting the Sahara desert in that old Datsun.

"Can I ask you something?" she finally says. Just so you know, that's not even a question. It's a statement. You have no control over what will ensue. "Sure," you reluctantly mutter and hold your breath.

Loaded questions

"When was the last time you heard from Sophia?" There. The question suspends itself over your sofa like a pregnant raincloud over the Amazon. She's watching you closely. You can't swallow hard; that might be misread as guilt. So you sit still and stare at Jeremy tinkling with the engine. Truth is you haven't even heard from Sophia in months but right here and now, there is no correct answer because you have no idea where your woman is coming from with this question.

"Uhm, about four months ago?" you hedge. "Yeah?" she asks. That "yeah?" is not a question; it's a window she offers you to change your mind about that answer. You need to decide right now whether you meant four weeks or four months.

"Yeah, it was four months, or five. Si

this is August?" you ask foolishly, like it could be December.

"Yes. So four months ago?" she repeats.

Oh boy, was it three? "Yes, four months. Why?" you ask.

She says it's nothing, she was "just wondering." But it is never 'just nothing'. Because, you see, there are exes your woman will never get over. They will get annoyingly fixated on one particular one. Get obsessive about her. That particular one seems to make her so insecure for reasons that defeat you. "I don't trust her," is her simple explanation, a euphemism for "I don't trust you around her."

Facebook-stalking the ex

All will be quiet for the longest time and then one day from nowhere she will ask something like, "Did you buy her that watch she has on?" And you are like, "Buy who what watch?"

She rolls her eyes. "Sophia!" You: "Jesus, are we still talking about her? Where did that come from?" Her: "Did you or did you not?" You: "What watch?" She then shows you her phone, a

Some women need to just chill with the ex obsession. Some of us really have moved on.

Facebook picture of your ex rocking a watch she was showing off close to two years ago on the face. OK, yes, you bought her that watch, but you are not going to admit it because you are not foolish. So you say, "No. I didn't." Her: "Are you sure? Because you bought me the exact same watch." (It's a great watch). "No, yours is blue. And what are you doing on her Facebook album anyway? That's creepy!"

It's even worse if you run into that particular problematic ex in a restaurant or bar and you don't know whether to walk over and saying hallo (and change the temperature of the evening) or ignore her. You won't have a very lovely evening either way.

Some women need to just chill with that ex obsession. Most of us really move on and some of these women they obsess about are blips on the radar, mostly forgotten, nothing but faded memories. And it gets annoying when you are asked to answer mundane questions about her like, "What did you like about her?" (Uhm, let's see, she didn't interrupt my Top Gear with ghosts!)

Then it gets tiring when you just don't know how to reassure your woman anymore. So ladies, let it go; the ex is an ex for the reason. Live in the present lest you become the ex who the current keeps asking all these questions about.



HEARTADVICE

WITH RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR MAURICE MATHEKA

BODY&SOUL

Where are all the single men?

This week, we counsel a woman who feels she is getting to old to fulfill her dreams of finding a good man.

I am a 39-year-old woman with a good job and living my dream life, but I can't seem to meet the right man to complete this picture. Most single guys I meet are younger than me, so they don't want anything serious. I also get hit on by married men who are the right age and who have the qualities I desire in a man, but I have never

envisioned myself as anyone's second wife or mpango wa kando. I feel like giving up on meeting a single guy and maybe giving a married man a chance. Will I ever meet the man of my dreams or should I just warm up to the idea of being a second wife? Remember I am not getting any younger! Please advise.

EXPERT ADVICE
Maurice Matheka, a relationship counselor answers:

READERS' ADVICE

Who is the right man for you besides the age factor that you have singled out? You must take your time to find the right partner who will give meaning to your life and bring your dreams to pass. Given your situation, some married men

EXPERT ADVICE

Maurice Matheka, a relationship counsellor answers:

My dear there are few people who can say that they love their job and are living their dream life. I hope you are grateful about your life. There is no such thing as the 'right guy' or the 'perfect guy'. It is

may take advantage to exploit you and dump you afterwards. If you have never envisioned yourself as anyone's second wife, why then do you feel like giving up on meeting a single guy to give a married man a chance? Never despair. Good husbands are not born but groomed.

Gerald Kariuki Mose

You must realise one important aspect of age especially if you are a woman. I think the gods of marriage failed in their duties by not bringing someone your way when you were between twenty and thirty years old. You should examine yourself closely to see whether you are your own obstacle. However it doesn't mean that you can never get someone to marry you. In any case, who said that marriage is a must?

John Musuku.

It is good to note that you are living your dreams. They say "age is just but a number". Do not be deceived to the idea of being a second wife. The men that

unfortunate that the social realm is not delivering that man you seek but one thing I must discourage you from doing is messing up another woman's home. Put yourself in her shoes; if you did have a husband would you be happy with him in another woman's arms? I highly doubt it. Find happiness within yourself first so that you can hopefully attract that one man who you

will be compatible with and you can over time groom him into the man you want. Do not rush to be married otherwise you might end up with a mere sperm donor who was initially camouflaged as the potential husband. If indeed you can accept to be the second wife then it must be official and not based on you having an affair with someone's husband.

NEXT WEEK'S DILEMMA:

I have known my best friend since high school. We are so close people think we are sisters. She is married and has a young child; I am still single and childless. Whenever she has nanny problems, she asks me to help look after her child. I run a business so I'm flexible. Recently her husband started hitting on me. I have warned him off but he is unrelenting. Nowadays I find excuses not to go to her house. My friend has noticed and she is wondering whether she did anything to drive me away. I'm afraid of telling her about her husband because she is very happy in her marriage and the news that he has been hitting on me will break her heart. What should I do?

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DEAR AUNT TRUPHENA

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE FOR YOUR LIFE PROBLEMS

My HIV status is making me depressed

Q: I am 32 years old. I separated from my husband two years ago and he refused to let me go with our children. I moved on with life. I tested HIV positive six months ago and since then my life has totally changed. I hate myself for this and I am afraid to continue living. I don't want to believe I am positive but I cannot put these thoughts out of my mind. I am not sure how my family will receive the news of my status so I have not told anyone. I fear I might become depressed. Please help me.

I would like to applaud you for going for a test. However it looks like after the test, you started looking at yourself from a totally different perspective, which resulted in fear and low self-esteem. While I empathise with your situation, please know that you need to accept the reality – that you are HIV positive. But this does not mean the end of your life; the future has more for you. Remember that there are others who have the same status and they are living positively and successfully. This will put you in the right frame of mind to take the correct steps towards looking after your

health and accepting yourself. It will also have a positive effect on your future health and wellbeing. You say you are scared to tell anyone else about your status. Often, disclosure can be tough especially when you do not know whom to trust; however, keeping it to yourself will only make your situation worse. This could also explain why you feel like you are slowly drifting into depression. I suggest you share this issue with a trusted family member and/or friends. They will get you the support you require, both physically and emotionally. It is

also important that you connect yourself with organisations that deal with HIV/Aids like KENWA, among others. You need to seek early medication, eat healthy and take exercise, which will ensure that you maintain a healthy lifestyle. By and large, you should know that the most important action for you to take is to make a choice to enrich and extend your life by improving your physical and emotional health. You may also consider visiting a counselor. Wishing you success in your life.

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KENYA MEE

ON THE RED CARPET:

Susan Anyango stood out in her gorgeous peplum dress and Harun Arwings looked sharp in a perfect fit skinny suit.



T&STYLE WITH LYDIA OMOLO



SETS THE WORLD



ECLECTIC STYLE:

Patrick Michael added an ethnic touch with a Moo cow beaded belt, hounds tooth suit from Alexar Bonro.

MIDRIFF GLAM:

Nina Mrembe nailed it in her perfectly fitting crop top.

Blogger Sylvia Njoki was well put-together in her thigh slit gown. Designer and stylist Namnyak made a sweeping statement in her low-back gown.

- 1 Gold contemporary beaded necklace by Kafamily.
- 2 Blue Maasai shuka avant garde dress by Claddi.
- 3 Black halter top with recycled kitenge motif and trim detail by Madafu Moxie.
- 4 Brown print tie-dye jacket black skinny pants by John Kaveke.
- 5 Black gown with multi-colour embroidered detail by Spero Villioti Couture.
- 6 Navy blue silk gown with leather and bead detail by Soup by Sougat Paul.
- 7 Multi-colour jumpsuit, white clutch with hand painted floral detail by Margaux Marionette.
- 8 Purple lace and raw silk gown by Ejiro Amos-Tafiri.
- 9 Multi-colour and painted raw silk dress with bead detail by House of Marie.

STYLISH ACCENTS:

Gold bracelets stacked up, Embellished shoes, A classy studded clutch, Versace boots, Studded nude heels



BABYLOVE

How to handle conflict with teachers



Your child may complain about their teacher all the time, but before you storm the school, read this. By **Joan Thatiah**

Most parents have been in a situation where they disagreed with their child's teacher or school. It can be an awkward position to be in, and most are not sure whether to express their concerns to the teachers, for the fear that doing so will put their child at a disadvantage in school. What is a parent to do?

"Don't take anything your child says at face value," Jane Juma, a mother of two says from her experience. Like most parents, she believed that she had brought her children up right, so when her nine-year-old came home complaining of being spanked, she hit

the roof. She doesn't spank her children and was angry that a teacher had gone beyond this very personal principle.

"I stormed into the staff room the next morning only to find out that she hadn't been spanked. I was embarrassed and later pleasantly surprised that the teacher was just as eager to connect with me," she says.

Formulate a plan

It turned out that there had been discord between the child and the teacher, which they established was rooted in the child's poor attitude in class. The teacher had tried all sorts of adjustments in teaching style in order to adjust her attitude, but achieved much more success after talking to Jane. Jane is also paying for one-on-one tuition for an hour twice or thrice a week so that the child can create a rapport with the teacher.

Child psychologist Julius Gitari points out two other mistakes that Jane made.

First was reacting in front of the child. While it is important that a child grows up knowing that people will disagree about rules and decisions, and that this can be resolved, it can be confusing for a young child seeing as a teacher is a major figure of authority for him or her. It is wiser to be discreet when talking to or about your child's teacher.

Secondly, when she stormed into the staffroom, she hadn't thought about what she wanted to achieve. Before walking into such a situation, he recommends taking a step back to think, are you seeking an apology? Do you want an explanation? He however cautions that the aim of a confrontation should never be to allocate blame or to become defensive.

Different contexts

True a parent is the child's first educator, and it is easy to forget that the teacher also spends a significant part of the day with your child and thus

**ABC'S OF HANDLING
TEACHER-PARENT
CONFLICTS**

■ If a child doesn't like a teacher, asking for a different teacher for your child may seem like the easier option. But a child needs to understand that they aren't always going to like everyone that they come across. Instead, teach flexibility.

■ Always take a calm, diplomatic approach. The last thing you want to do is stir up more negative emotion with this person who spends half the day with your child.

■ Take some time to think about the issues that need you to intervene, otherwise you will be that parent who has a complaint every week and will be thus not taken seriously.

■ Remember that most teachers are in this profession because of their love for children and unless it is a case of abuse, go in with the knowledge that both you and the teacher want the same thing for the child.

■ Appreciate them. At the end of the day it is important to remember that teachers are human. Acknowledge the things that he or she does right for your child.

also knows the child fairly well – but in a different context.

When her four-year-old boy joined nursery school this January, Faith Mbogo felt that what the child was being taught wasn't developmentally appropriate; it all looked like play. She was finally convinced that it after learning that like her, the teacher was focused on the child's needs.

"I learnt that the teacher wasn't a rival but my partner in helping my child do well," she says.

Parent-teacher issues are even more successfully resolved if a parent is involved in a child's school work.

DIARY OF A WORKING MOTHER

WITH MARIA MWONGELI

Memories of a lovely holiday

Monday, 9:20pm: The withdrawal symptoms Siji and myself are suffering! She hasn't gotten over the two evenings we took her go-karting. She was such a star! I was not sure she would want to take the ride but as we walked in, she saw the 'pikipiki' and was sold! Of course I was the loudest cheerleader mum there!

Tuesday, 7am: 'Mum! I want a sausage!' Siji said with raised voice. She ate only sausages for breakfast all the while we were on holiday. Now

she is on a protein detox programme and the only thing close to the colour of a sausage she will be seeing is probably Weetabix, uji and the random sweet potato.

Wednesday, 10:55pm: I taught Siji the anti-abuse jingle again and this time, she caught on. Only thing is she keeps repeating the 'private parts, private parts, private parts...' bit then ends with, 'I'll tell on you!' very loudly, everywhere. I'm hoping she can teach her classmates this song. I

may even offer to tutor the kids on the actions that go along with the jingle. Yes! She is finally going to school next week!

Thursday, 4:09pm: Memories of the boat ride around Mtwapa creek keep coming to me as I try to get work done. I have never felt such calmness... but that's probably because we were not anywhere near the open sea. That would have been something. I need to get myself together

**Siji is three
years, four
months
today**

though. My deadlines are not on holiday!

Friday, 11:34pm: I'm still unpacking our suitcases and today I found Siji's floaters. She did not use them in the water though I got in with her and tried to get her to trust me. As soon as I turned my back she had hooked up with favourite Aunty Mbeks and piggy backed on her in the water for the rest of the afternoon. I thought of being jealous but I was more grateful for moments of peace and solitude.

HEALTHMATTERS

Whatever you choose to do with your body should conform to your beliefs and values.

By Dr Joachim Osur

Choices about sexuality

"Come to church urgently, please, this is an emergency," came the distress call. The phone number was unfamiliar, as was the voice on the line. The caller went ahead to give directions to the church. "I would appreciate to be told what this is all about," I said. "Can't the sick person just be brought to hospital?" It was strange to be called to treat someone in church.

But the caller just would not listen. She talked on and on. The nearest I got to what the problem might be was when she talked of a woman bleeding and reporting that she had been seeing me for ante-natal care. I quickly jumped into the car and headed for the church, a collection of first aid equipment and drugs in the back seat.

The church was awash with expensively decorated vehicles and smartly dressed people. There was a wedding going on. I was quickly ushered into a private room and there was the bride, her dress half soaked in blood. She had pushed out a baby but had the afterbirth retained and was bleeding profusely. There was no time to talk; I quickly swung into action, positioning her and manually evacuating the afterbirth and administering emergency drugs to stop the bleeding.

"So sorry for this doctor, I just didn't want to deliver before marrying," apologised the bride. I recognised her as Mary, a lady I had seen for a while in the clinic. The first time I saw her

and diagnosed her to be pregnant she broke down and cried. It was a surprise to her. She said her family would not understand how she could get pregnant outside marriage.

"After spending years serving as a youth leader in the church, people will never forgive me for being a bad example to others," she had explained. After a number of counseling sessions, she carried on with the pregnancy but arranged to have a wedding before the pregnancy grew too big.

"It took time to organise the wedding," she explained after the bleeding was controlled. "I thought I had a week to the date of delivery, little did I know that this baby would pop out just as we exchanged rings in front of the crowd."

Most of us are mistakes

Mary's story speaks to a common occurrence in life: people do not plan their sex lives. Things just happen and sometimes catastrophic consequences follow. There is a lot of fire fighting around sexuality. Today the emergency contraceptive pill is one of the most popular medications that pharmacies in town stock. It has saved people the kind of embarrassment that Mary went through on her wedding day.

There is a popular joke that most of us are mistakes, that our mothers just accepted their fate and kept the pregnancy. Many women, on the other hand, do not accept to live with these sexual accidents. They choose to abort. It is estimated that

almost half a million women have abortions in Kenya each year. Many of these abortions are unsafe, done in the backstreets by unqualified people and leading to severe illness and even death of the woman.

Other consequences of unplanned sex include sexually transmitted diseases including HIV infection. Unplanned sex also disrupts relationships and causes stress in varying proportions. Unplanned sex may disrupt education, other relationships, investment, standing in society – Monica Lewinsky, anyone?

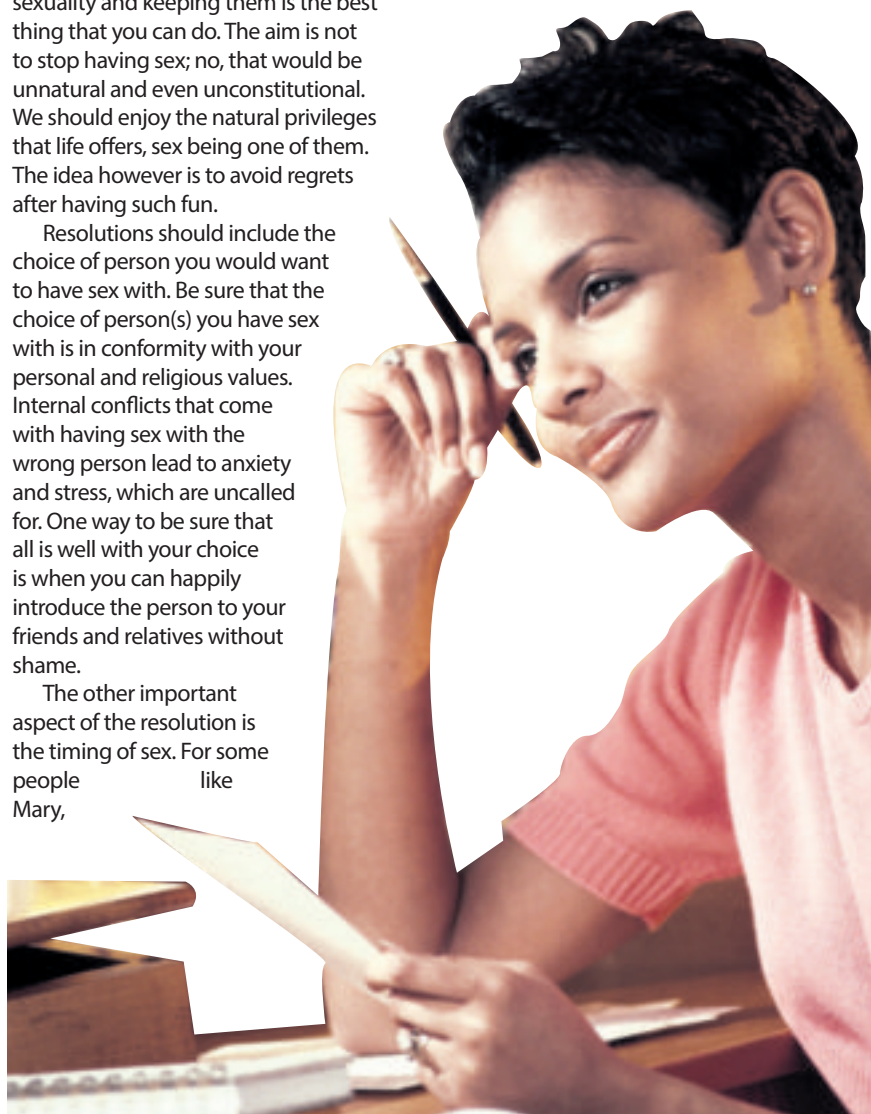
Having resolutions around your sexuality and keeping them is the best thing that you can do. The aim is not to stop having sex; no, that would be unnatural and even unconstitutional. We should enjoy the natural privileges that life offers, sex being one of them. The idea however is to avoid regrets after having such fun.

Resolutions should include the choice of person you would want to have sex with. Be sure that the choice of person(s) you have sex with is in conformity with your personal and religious values. Internal conflicts that come with having sex with the wrong person lead to anxiety and stress, which are uncalled for. One way to be sure that all is well with your choice is when you can happily introduce the person to your friends and relatives without shame.

The other important aspect of the resolution is the timing of sex. For some people like Mary,

sex has to happen in marriage. For others, sex has nothing to do with marriage. Again the golden rule is that your actions conform to your personal and religious values.

Finally, consider sex to be part of your whole life plan. Remember that it can help you succeed or bring you down. The hope is that whatever you choose as your resolution enhances your standing in all spheres of life and brings you joy and fulfillment, for that is what sex was meant to do to mankind.



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HEALTH&NUTRITION

BY SONA PARMAR MUKHERJEE

Did you put on weight overnight?

How do you explain instant puffiness and bloat?

By Sona Parmar Mukherjee

You wake up in the morning and step onto the scales, and lo and behold, you're a couple of pounds heavier. You know you've been good all week... so where's this extra weight coming from?! The answer is simple: it's all water.

About 60 per cent of our body weight is made up of water, so it is no wonder that we sometimes feel bloated. Usually, our bodies have the ability to balance their water levels depending on the food that we eat or drink. But at times, this balance can go haywire. Excessive salt and alcohol intake, lack of exercise and monthly hormonal fluctuations can all lead to a sudden, and very unwelcome, weight gain. How do you lose the extra?

Minimize salt intake.

Your body retains water when salt intake is high, causing bloating and water weight gain. So cut down on junk foods, avoid salty chips, pizza and other foods containing "hidden" salt, stay away from some types of salad dressings, cereals and canned soups (watch out for MSG).

Drink more water.

A well-hydrated body is less likely to retain water. When the body gets less water than it requires, it perceives this as a threat to survival and begins to hold onto every drop. By drinking enough, your body won't hold on to more than it needs. Aim to drink a good 2.5 litres of

water a day.

Avoid dehydrating drinks.

This includes tea, coffee and alcohol.

Sip on herbal teas.

Many of these are fantastic natural diuretics, or water-releasers (chemical diuretics should be avoided, as they tend to strip the body of vital minerals). Try dandelion, nettle, rosemary or parsley infusions. You can drink up to three cups a day.

Eat more fruit and vegetables.

A good balance of other minerals (calcium, magnesium, and potassium) maintains good fluid balance in the body. Potassium in particular encourages the body to get rid of excess fluid - try bananas and tomatoes.

Exercise.

This reduces the water retention by flushing out the water and salt through sweating, higher respiration and increased urine flow.

Try switching your source of carbs.

Refined carbohydrates, like white bread, pasta, biscuits and cakes, can aggravate the problem. There's no need to cut these out of your diet out completely, but opt for wholegrain varieties of bread and pasta (and choose beans, lentils and wholegrain rice), or avoid these refined starches at your vulnerable times.

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HAIR&BEAUTY WITH IRENE NJOROGI

You can do more with your locs than simply hold them up or let them down. Here are some suggestions.

Different styles for dreadlocks

Dreadlocks are among the preferred hairstyles for the busy working woman

due to their low maintenance and versatility in styling. Several looks can be achieved with all lengths of locs to suit any occasion. Here are some of the easiest, yet smartest looks to try out.

Career style:

This style is held up with an interlocking criss-cross design. It is ideal for those busy days and weeks when you need a smart look that can last up to three weeks without primping.

For daily maintenance, wrap with a light net at bedtime, and use sheen spray every morning to keep the locs lustrous.

Bohemian:

This exciting look works for both work and play. The locs are curled and set with straws to create ringlets. They are held up to the middle of the head with a few left loose around the face, tendril style. This style will last one week.

Glamorous locs:

This is a perfect look for dressy occasions. The locs are secured elegantly with pins. The addition of diamante, beads or any other bling for the evening finishes off the look. You may opt to wear this style for more than one occasion, in which case, some loose stitches come in handy.

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Next week: How to choose a spa.

NEXT WEEK:
The latest original West African hair plaiting.

QUICKFIXES:

Temporary dreads

Do you fancy having dreadlocks, but are not ready for the commitment it takes to create them? If so, why not try the new loc weaves that are in the market? They are now available in human hair, with thin twists for a natural look. They are available in all lengths and colours.

ASK IRENE:

Which is the ideal length to start locking hair? – Cecilia, Nairobi.

Some choose to begin with twisting their natural hair of about two inches into neat baby locs. The other option is to grow out your hair to a length of about 10 inches and then begin the twisting process.

The author is a cosmetology lecturer and skin care consultant.

NATURAL HAIR CORNER

All your natural hair questions answered.

Best way to curl your hair

Q: How does the Maximum Hydration Method work?

A: This method was created by Pinke Cube, a lady who had very tightly coiled 4c hair. The method requires you to wash and deep-condition your hair for seven consecutive days to begin with. It includes sleeping overnight with a deep conditioner in your hair, rinsing in the morning and then washing and conditioning again before bed. To begin the maximum hydration method, start with what is called the 'Cherry Lola Treatment.' For this you will blend yoghurt, a banana, apple cider vinegar, coconut aminos, molasses and bicarbonate of soda. Let the mixture sit on the hair and rinse. Apparently this clarifies your hair and opens the hair cuticle to allow moisture to penetrate. Follow with twice daily co-washes and approved deep conditioning treatments for at least three days, and ideally up to seven days. Naturals who try this swear that after repeatedly following this regimen, their tight curls become much looser.

The maximum hydration method is labour intensive but those who stick with it report softer, more manageable curls with much less shrinkage.

– TRICIA WANJALA



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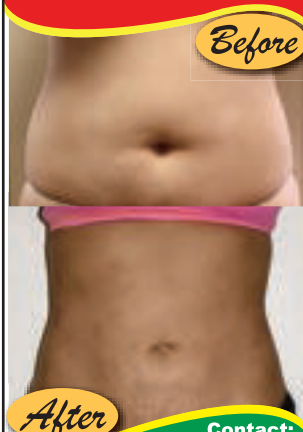
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PERSONAL FINANCE



Redefine the meaning of 'dream job'

Do what you need to and soon it will become what you have always wanted to do. **Waceke Nduati Omanga**

As I was staring at my screen trying to figure out what to write, I heard an interesting conversation on radio. There was a lot of talk about youth unemployment, and how today's employer has realised that graduates, despite those impressive sounding degrees, lack essential skills to fit into the work environment.

I have been an employer for a while now. I have also had my fair share of conversations with other business owners. I have had the opportunity to teach a lot of young people. If you are about to graduate or have just graduated university, this article is primarily for you. If you have children who are in that stage of life, this article is also for you. I think it is time that people woke up to

certain realities and changed certain beliefs about the "ideal work".

A degree by itself guarantees nothing. You have graduated but you are only just becoming a student in the real world. You need to equip yourself with a fresh set of skills and be humble enough to look for the opportunities to get those skills.

We need to change our definition of the "dream job". There is a misguided belief among graduates that they should work for only certain organisations and earn certain salaries. You are not all going to get jobs in blue chip companies with a starting salary of Sh50, 000 and above. I have met countless people who have declined job offers or internships from smaller companies because they are not paying enough. If you do get

the opportunity to work, then work. It doesn't matter what they pay you and if they are paying you. You have gotten your foot into the door and a chance to learn how the real world works.

If they have assigned you to make tea, then make tea. As you make tea, start observing what is going on and offering to do more. The aim of your first job is to learn, not earn enough to be able to buy the latest smart phone.

Others believe that working for these small companies is simply a stepping-stone to a blue chip company job. That attitude will limit you. Do not be short sighted. Look at the opportunities around you. Compare how fast you can grow in this small company versus the bigger companies. Don't move simply because of a pay rise and a more comfortable office. The fact is, while salaries start out smaller, they increase a lot faster in smaller organisations. You have access to the actual decision makers and many times the founders of the companies. You are exposed

to the main business, clients, etc, a lot faster. In a larger firm you may do the background work and never sit in front of a client. Many have spent years in larger organisations without the CEO ever knowing their name.

Ask yourself what you can achieve where you are and what part you can play in growing the business. Some smart people who used this approach have even found themselves shareholders of fast growing companies and in a few years, earning more than they could have ever earned in bigger corporates. I have also seen people coming back to try and get their jobs in the smaller companies when they realise the grass on the other side was not that green after all, and the people they left there have now overtaken them as far as career development goes.

Your family may also have a business. Maybe it is time to look at that business seriously. Maybe it is you who can bring in new ideas and take it to the next level. Your experience in the real world can start there.

Some parents have drilled it into their children that the ultimate aim of their education is to get a secure job. However

The aim of your first job is to learn, not to earn enough to by the latest smartphone.

the reality is, you will not all get jobs, and at least not immediately you graduate. You may be one of those people who will never get a job. However in problems there are always opportunities. If you have been looking for a job for a while it is time to do something different.

Yes, your friend may have secured a job, but that may not be the path for you. You need to start thinking of how you can generate your own income. Do not stay at home and watch TV, as many young people I have talked to do. Do whatever you need to do to. You do not have to have a grand five-year plan.

In the information age we live in, new opportunities are coming up every day. Maybe your prayers have already been answered through a skill you have that you can immediately start using to earn income. When you use it to make Sh1, 000, you learn how to make Sh10, 000. As you start getting a sense of control over your own income earning ability, you may realise you do not want to be limited to a job any more – that you are already in your dream job. There is a freedom in knowing you are in charge of what you earn and what you do. Get up and do something.

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RELATIONSHIPS



How to get your man

Are you fruitlessly searching for love? The answer may lie in not searching for him – but in finding yourself. By **Joan Thatiah**

When she turned 41, psychotherapist Katherine Woodward Thomas was still single. She had gone through the last few years telling people, when asked, that she just hadn't met the right man yet. Then she began wondering, what if she had never been the right person? She came up with a formula to attract her true love and six months later, she was engaged to her husband Mark. From her experience, she wrote her world famous book: *Calling in the one: 7 weeks to attract the love of your life*. Here is some food for thought from this book on how to finally put yourself in the frame of mind to attract the right partner

for you.

Stop searching for love

You've probably heard someone tell how they found love just when they stopped looking. How? Aren't you supposed to put yourself out there? Go on as many dates as you can, accept blind dates or even look online? Apparently not.

When you start overtly putting yourself out there with dates, you begin treating love as a goal and put your life on hold. People find love when they stop searching because when you live your life in line with your life's purpose, you shine brightest and attract love without even meaning to. What Katherine did was make welcoming space in her life. Take a look at your home; is it welcoming of a new partner? Can you make adjustments in your schedule to have time to explore new relationships? Creating welcoming space can be as easy as telling the person you're dating that you're open to finding true love.

Remove the timeline you've put on it

"I had planned to have a stable job by 25, have two years to date and find him, and another year of engagement before a church wedding at 28. Our first child was supposed to arrive two years later." At 31, faith Seneka is yet to find the one.

Like her, most women go through life with a time frame attached to their love lives. The problem with this approach is that you put enjoying life on hold until you have found love.

Thomas recommends recognising that there is already love in your life from your family and friends. Appreciate all these other forms of love. How do you expect the universe to send true love your way if you have no gratitude for it in your everyday life? Also, give love. Show love to everyone but don't date everyone. If you're loved, you'll be a magnet for love.

Are you who you seek?

To have the kind of love you desire you need to evolve and be the kind of woman you need to be to attract the kind of partnership you envision. Create a vision of the kind of partnership you wish for then make yourself the woman you see in that vision. Do you have negative beliefs about yourself? Transform these.

Your belief about your desirability and your worth play a part in who you attract and you can only attract what you are ready to receive. Are you seeking a man who is healthy and fit? This kind of man is likely to be attracted to a woman who is fit and health conscious as well. Hitting

the gym maybe how you call him in.

Cut toxic ties

So you want love; how open are you to receiving it? Are there any old agreements that you have with yourself? Do you keep saying how you will never love like that again or how you will never date someone that you work with? You may have set out to shield your heart but these agreements tend to be internal barriers we build against love.

These personal agreements often stem from past hurts and resentments and maybe the reason you can't open your eyes and heart. For a long time, Eunice Kithia believed that all good things have a premature end, even relationships. So she didn't let herself become too invest-

ed in relationships. Also, she missed out on meaningful relationships because she read into situations, often misinterpreted

"Recognise that there already is love in your life from your family and friends."

them and then reacted from the point where she believed that relationships don't last. In her last relationship, for instance, her boyfriend failed to talk to her for two days because he had lost his mother; not knowing this, she assumed that he wanted out and to beat him at it. She hurriedly sent him an email breaking up with him. "I sabotaged that relationship because I falsely believed that was where it was headed anyway," she thinks back.

Thomas writes that these toxic ties can also be past romantic partners, friends or even relatives, and you maybe clinging to by harbouring fear or resentment.

Call him in

This is how the universe works; if you are fixated on an idea, that's what you attract. To set a climate for love to manifest, have a mental picture of your possibility, believe in it, speak it aloud and then take action to support it.

According to Thomas, you can start by tiny conscious actions like moving your bed away from the wall so that should you have a significant other, he will be able to climb in from his side. It's also important that you are sure you feel complete so that you will be seeking a relationship out of love and not fear. If you seek a relationship because you do not want to be alone or because you want to be loved, you may attract someone but your relationship will be plagued with insecurity and clinginess.

Your goal is to become happy and whole by yourself so that when he finally comes, you will be happier with him.

RECOMMENDED READS

1. *Wishes Fulfilled* by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer. It looks into how power of intention can work in romance.
2. *The Soulmate Secret: Manifest the love of your life by the law of attraction* by Arielle Ford. She shows readers how to take control of their romantic destiny.
3. *Love Will Find You: 9 magnets to bring you and your soul mate together* by Kathryn Alice. She teaches how to help your soul mate find you. You may never have to leave the house.
4. *Choosing Me Before We* by Christine Arylo. This one is like a heart to heart with your closest girlfriend.
5. *Get The Guy: Learn the secrets of the male mind to find the man you want and the love you deserve* by Mathew Hussey. It reveals secrets of the male mind and the fundamentals of dating.

EATING&OUTING

EATINGIN

Sukuma (kale) chips:

Ingredients:

1 bunch of kale
1 tsp salt
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tsp your favourite spices

Method:

Pre-heat your oven to 180C. Wash sukuma and remove the hard central stem. Dry with some paper towel or a salad spinner. Tear into potato-crisp size pieces. Mix with olive oil, salt, and spices. Arrange onto a baking tray in a single layer, bake for around 10 minutes or until crispy. This is a delicious, nutritious snack, and one bunch of sukuma will make enough for the whole family.

- NICOLE MCMAHON

PHOTO | MARTIN MUKANGU



Mixed plate of experience

There's both good and bad at this 'leafy suburb' restaurant. By Bon Vivant

The Karen Crossroads shopping mall in Karen boasts three supermarkets. As such, it has a constant stream of shoppers. Behind the mall is a small, unassuming restaurant that has been there for as long as I can remember. It is unpretentious and generally serves African food and your usual chips, mandazis, tea and pies.

We sat at a table and a lady ambled over and wiped it for us. Beside us at another table, some older individuals seemed to be having some sort of chama meeting. Our young waitress immediately asked us what we would like to eat. After inquiring what was ready, we decided to have a steak with rice and vegetables, and beef stew with mukimo. Once we had finished placing our order, they actually brought us a menu.

It featured a huge selection but it appears most of the dishes were not ready since we had come for an early lunch. The healthy vegetable juices and milk shakes on the menu were also not available at the time. The menu listed soups, crepes, biryani, pizza, salads, quiche, cappuccino cake and even wedding and anniversary cakes. The waitress had strongly recommended we try the barbecued chicken. However, we had seen it on the faintly smoldering

Pekeshe,
Karen
Crossroads,
Nairobi.



PHOTO FILE

grill outside the restaurant facing the dusty car park.

We decided it would be a better idea to get something piping hot from the kitchen.

The ambiance is pleasant enough – high ceiling, traditional yellow and red restaurant colours and light coming in from the front entrance. Some pictures adorned the wall and a religious television show played on their screen. We interacted with three employees in total – two were polite, and one was having a terrible day. The toilets are behind the restaurant, through a courtyard and

across. It seemed a long schlep so I just washed my hands at the table.

Our food arrived promptly. The portions were large and they used fresh ingredients. My beef stew was a bit chewy but quite palatable, and they brought an extra bowl of plain stew for the bright green mukimo. The vegetables were done to perfection. My friend enjoyed his meal, although the steak was decidedly tough. The sirloin steak with its accompaniments went for Sh350. Our bill, drinks included, came to about Sh1,000. The service, hygiene and ambiance were average but we enjoyed our meal and considering the location, it was good value for money.

MEETTHECHEF

Nicole McMahon, head chef & owner,
Pop-Up Nairobi Catering

How did you become a chef? I've always loved cooking, and when I became a vegetarian at eight years old I would often cook my own meals. Mum and I created vegetarian versions of meat based dishes, as the rest of the family eats a lot of meat. I've worked in Steeps Restaurant in Whistler, Canada, and a café in San Francisco.

What would you be doing if you were not a chef? I always wanted to be a jet fighter pilot... but I'm too short. **What has been the highlight of your career?** Pop-Up Nairobi raises money for different organisations so I love

seeing the smile on the beneficiaries' faces.

Which celebrity would you like to cook a meal for? I cooked a Thai beef salad for Michelle Pfeiffer in Canada, and she came back the next day and ordered it again. I would love to cook for a table of famous chefs and get their feedback.

What is the best advice you've ever been given? Do what makes you happy. You should get out of bed in the morning wanting to go to work.

What is the secret to perfecting a simple sponge cake? Don't be scared

of it. If you feel light and happy while baking so will your cake. Also, use nice fresh free range eggs.

How can you ensure that a steak is cooked correctly? Buy the best quality meat you can afford. Rub with oil, salt and pepper, and then check your timings based on the thickness of steak and if you want it rare, medium or well done. Don't keep flipping it, or you mess up the cooking times. To test your steak, use the "rule of thumb" (compare the feel of the steak to the muscle at the base of your thumb. Relaxed hand: Rare. Thumb touching index finger: Medium Rare. Thumb touching middle finger: Medium. Thumb touching ring finger: Medium well. Thumb touching pinky: Well done).

When you are at your home what do

you really love to eat? I love going to the market, seeing what is fresh and cooking up a big meal, often Asian inspired from my time living in China, like a simple mushroom noodle soup.

How do you rate our Kenyan cuisine? I love the Swahili food. I'd love to see a Swahili restaurant or a nyama choma joint open up back in Melbourne, Australia. Really well made ndengu with fresh herbs and a well rolled flaky chapati is great comfort food for me.

What tips would you give our readers? Use less salt! Use fresh herbs instead of adding food additives and packaged flavourings. Vegetables when still crunchy have a lot more nutrients and flavour.

— TRICIA WANJALA



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Modernisation is changing the face of Kisumu and its people's reliance on a traditional reed. By **Rupi Mangat**



A village in the Dunga wetlands area.

The land of the papyrus

Having landed at Kisumu International Airport and with time to spare, Elijah Obadha of Nature Kenya suggests a visit to Dunga Wetlands on Victoria's shores before we drive to Siaya to visit Yala Swamp.

I'm hoping to see the sitatunga in Kisumu's papyrus wetland – a unique antelope that's adapted to living in the swamps with its splayed hooves that don't sink in the muddy soils. However, in the course of half a century,

the antelope of the swamps has changed its habits of foraging from day to night to avoid humans. The antelope stays hidden in the reeds during the day and few remain, due to habitat loss and poaching.

Enroute to the swamp, we drive through Kisumu's rapidly changing CBD, with its buildings of the 1930s and 1940s vintage on the main streets being knocked down for straight-faced high-rises.

Driving past Impala National Park, we're at Dunga Wetlands and stop at Ecofinder

Kenya, a community-based organisation that's advocating for the wise-use of the wetland. Vincent Onyango, the environmental team leader shows us around. I check out a bench built by Ecofinder using recycled plastic bottles. It's one way of coping with the plastic menace. Strolling through the lakeshore village of Dunga, it's quaint with the Luo homesteads sprawled in big compounds on either side of the murram road.

"This is Mama Regina Auma," Onyango introduces us and she invites us in for some

refreshments. Soon we're chatting about the changing times. Mama Auma moved to Dunga village in 1972 from South Nyanza – a village called Ringa near Homa Bay when she got married. "In those days, there was a lot of papyrus here and the work of making papyrus mats and weaving was the work of old women like my mother-in-law," she recalls. "They had time on their hands while the youngsters were fishing or working in the shamba."

"Now there's no rule," she states. "Everyone is taking the papyrus to make mats and weave. There is not much work for the youngsters like fishing. Since 2005, every few months a company from Israel comes to buy papyrus reeds from us. They come with a huge truck which takes two to three weeks to fill with dried papyrus. The dried papyrus is exported and used for making mats abroad."

"It's a source of income," she continues, showing me her papyrus mats. But she also shows her other sources of income that's lessened her need to harvest papyrus. Ecofinder has provided solar lights that enterprising women like Auma are renting out per night to other households for a fee. In addition, Ecofinder is also promoting the use of smokeless jikos, which need little firewood. "We can't tell the women to stop cutting papyrus without giving an alternative," states Onyango. Another project that's made an impact in the community is the use of san-toilets where human waste is decomposed into manure for shambas.

It's a nice walk in the village but there's also concern about the huge chunks of papyrus being cleared for houses. A stone wall in the midst of the papyrus shows work stalled – it was for a temple but the work stopped after the locals raised concern. However there's also concern that the construction has stalled, not because of environmental concerns but because of a larger fish wanting to construct a hotel. There's a real need for a proper land management plan if Dunga Wetlands is to survive – and for the people of Kisumu to have clean, healthy water.

DUNGA WETLANDS

Take a walk through Dunga and see the Luo traditional homesteads and visit some local families. You can combine this with a boat ride to the islands dotting the lake or a boat ride along the shores. Arrange a walk with Vincent Onyango of Ecofinder on vokoth30@yahoo.com or Elijah Obadha eobadha02@yahoo.com.

For accommodation, stay at Kiboko Bay a beautiful tented lodge on the shores of the lake near Dunga.

Send your feedback to satmag@ke.nationmedia.com

MUST DO LIST

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS

September 6

The Marie Pierre Wine Club 2014 - September Edition

Join our Master Sommelier, Juan Cambil and MC Kamal Kaur for a fun afternoon of wine tasting at the fourth edition of The Marie Pierre Wine Club 2014. Get to taste quality wines from the following wine companies: Casks & Barrels will showcase Italian wines, Posner & Klein will showcase Chilean wines, Makkin will showcase American (Californian) wines and The Wine Company will showcase Spanish wines.

Venue: Nairobi Arboretum

Time: 3pm - 7pm

Tickets: Advance: Sh1 000; Gate: Sh1 200. Advance Gourmet Section: Sh2 000; Gate Gourmet Section: Sh2 500. Corporate table: Sh30 000

Contact: info@mariepierreke.com, 0735 222 903

September 5-6

KMS Second Hand Book Sale

Kenya Museum Society presents a second hand book sale including a special art sale at the lowest prices.

Venue: Nairobi National Museum

Time: 10am – 4pm

Contact: 0724 255 299/ 020 374 3808

September 6

55th Blankets & Wine: Karibu Mzansi

To commemorate 20 years of democracy and post-apartheid South Africa, Blankets & Wine in collaboration with the South African High Commission in Kenya present to you a special edition of Blankets & Wine: 'Karibu Mzansi'. Every adult ticket holder will be able to sample from a wide array of wines from South Africa's world renowned vineyards topped up with

a complementary bottle of wine courtesy of Distell Winemasters. Experience South Africa's foods available from various vendors on site. Create your unique experience by sampling the different activities across the four stages which will be running concurrently on the day. On the music stage, Vereso, Andrew Wambua, Antoneosoul and Dela will entertain as well as a South African artiste.

Venue: Carnivore Restaurant

Tickets: Advance: Sh1 500; Gate: Sh2 000

Contact: 0720 801333

Time: 1pm- 10pm

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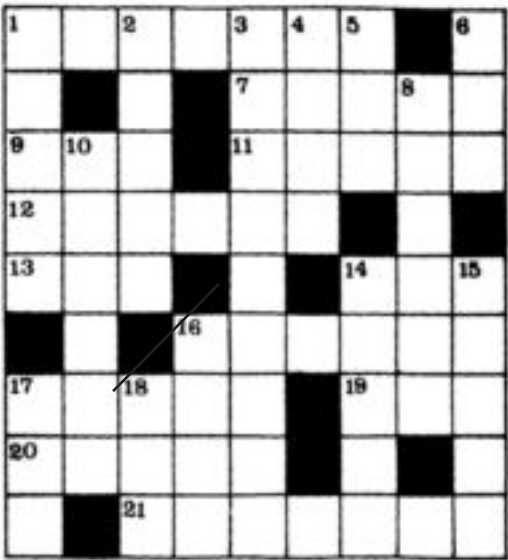
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1. The support on which a lever turns
- 7. To wear away as by action of water
- 9. The bristly process of barley, etc.
- 11. The long protruding nose and jaw of an animal
- 12. Cements a new tread on a tyre
- 13. A diocese
- 14. A heavy floor covering usually over only part of the floor
- 16. An underhand plot or device
- 17. An aviator
- 19. Lawyers collectively
- 20. To omit as a sound in pronunciation
- 21. Oars

DOWN

- 1. Dreads
- 2. A thrusting weapon with a long shaft and a sharp spearhead
- 3. Held in honour and esteem
- 4. Containers for the ashes of the dead



- 5. To make the sound of a cow
- 6. A hard black mineral used in making buttons
- 8. One of Miji Kenda tribes of the Kenyan coast
- 10. A small beetle destructive to grain and nuts
- 14. An insurgent
- 15. Microbes
- 16. A sweet fizzy drink
- 17. One of the fixed benches in a church
- 18. Either of the fleshy edges of the mouth

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 2. Enchant
- 8. Silo
- 9. AGOA
- 10. Instant
- 11. Ante
- 13. Nee
- 14. Fog
- 17. Mime
- 18. Palaver
- 20. Atom
- 21. Rear
- 22. Tetanus

DOWN

- 1.Aswan
- 3. Elite
- 5. None
- 4. Hats
- 5. Aga
- 6. Noncom
- 7. Tat
- 12. Negate
- 14. Fires
- 15. Genre
- 16. Mama
- 17. Meru
- 18. Pat
- 19. Lot

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



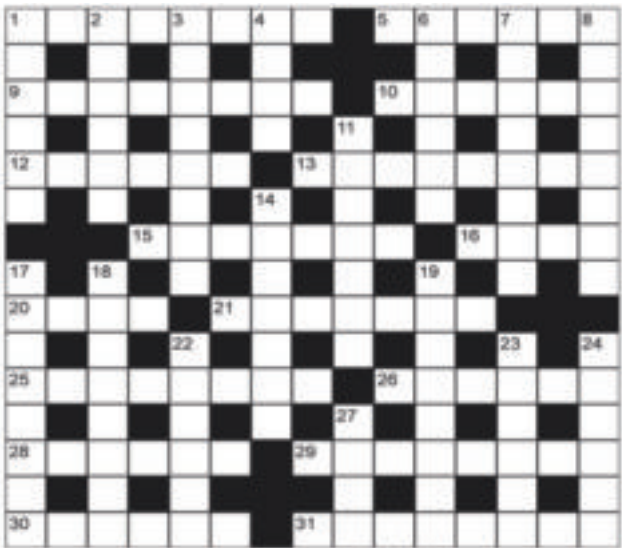
COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Concluded actors can be dull (8)
- 5 Comeback reaping reward (6)
- 9 High-flier given a cold greeting at all times (8)
- 10 Author is more sardonic given time (6)
- 12 Weak identity becoming clear (6)
- 13 Up Up And Away tune endured (8)
- 15 Plain speaking from sweet woman wanting husband but getting left (7)
- 16 Socks and shoe repaired (4)
- 20 Shop Around bringing to mind teenage dances (4)
- 21 Pratchett covers provided shock (7)
- 25 Cue line — last in play — without further ado (8)
- 26 Office furniture (6)
- 28 Barnet musical event (6)
- 29 Understood cry of sea-eagle is silent (8)
- 30 Master of the macabre's attempt to create verse (6)
- 31 Return engagement (8)

DOWN

- 1 Authority supremo's behind run getting cancelled regularly (6)
- 2 Resurrect variable buzz in drugs (6)
- 3 Trustworthy journalist in bed with the French (8)
- 4 Tory moderates back in bother (4)
- 6 Drunk on beer in dress, with pomp (6)
- 7 United let injured Ferdinand



- recuperate initially in secret (8)
- 8 Invaders formerly from North or South Yemen decapitated (8)
- 11 Resistance stops yet note judge turn all nervous (7)
- 14 In short cheese attracts insect (7)
- 17 Speed up cuts (4-4)
- 18 Back-to-back compositions put in flipside (8)
- 19 Expressing emotion and energy opening of Famous Five enrthals us (8)

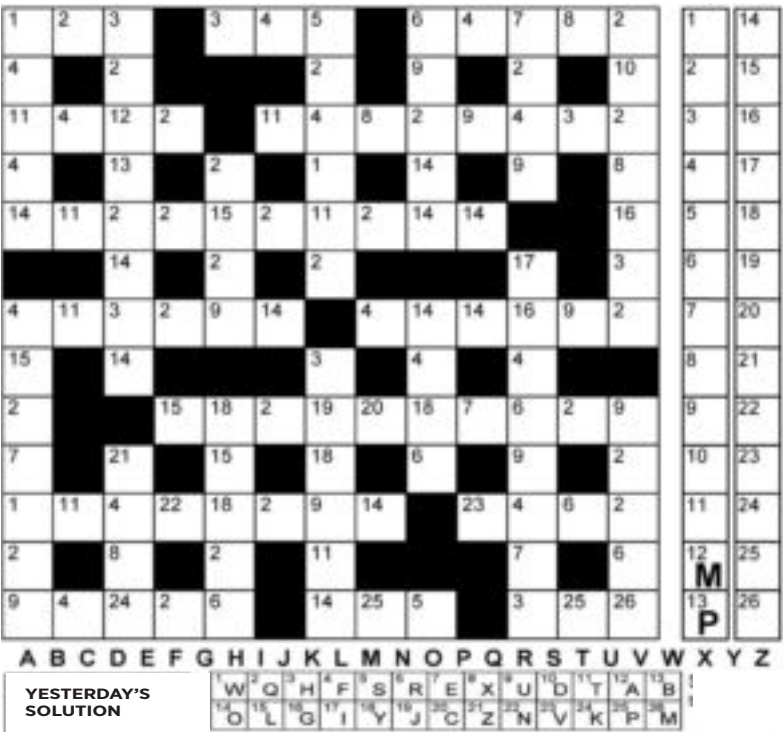
- 22 A rest for potter and spinner (6)
- 23 Dandy encompassing the Spanish for 'fool' (6)
- 24 Wordplay's clear, its contents seasonal? (6)
- 27 Good affordable starter home generating profit (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- 8 Bore
- 9 Rat
- 10 Oeuvre
- 11 Gateau
- 12 Perverse
- 13 School of thought
- 15 Consist
- 17 Bigtime
- 20 On top of the world
- 23 Factotum
- 25 Satire
- 26 Copier
- 27 Ego
- 28 Rend
- DOWN
- 1 Mosaic
- 2 Generous
- 3 Troubleshooters
- 4 Stupefy
- 5 Fourth dimension
- 6 Bureau
- 7 Arms
- 14 Ham
- 16 Own
- 18 Trotters
- 19 Stumped
- 21 Outwit
- 22 Larynx
- 24 Aloe

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 12 represents M so fill in M every time the figure 12 appears. You two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.



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5:00am One Cubed	4:00pm Scandal - Omnibus
6:00am AM L ive	5:00pm Africa Connect Music Show
9:00am Generation 3	6:00pm Malimwengu
10:00am The Penguins Of Madagascar	7:00pm NTV Jioni
10:30am Cool Catz	7:30pm Shark Tank
11:00am Teen Republik	8:30pm OffSide
1:00pm NTV at 1	9:00pm NTV Weekend Edition
1:30pm Prankstars - RPT	10:00pm Movie: Crazy Heart
2:00pm Legacy	12:00am CNN

TREAT OF THE DAY



SHARK TANK 7:30PM
Shark Tank is an American reality competition series that premiered in 2009, on ABC. It is the American version of the global Dragons' Den franchise and features business pitches from aspiring entrepreneurs to a panel of potential investors.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
OFFSIDE 8:30PM
MOVIE: CRAZY HEART 10:00PM



5:00am AL-Jazeera
6:00am Worker's Prayer
6:20am Tumsifu
8:00am Rudicii Herbal
8:30am Salvation Healing
Ministry
9:00am Kamusi ya Chamgamka
11:00am Mwanaspoti
12:00pm Vipasho
12:05pm Bunge La Wazalendo
12:30pm Face to Face
1:00pm Toleo La Mchana
1:30pm Rhumba Mzooqa
3:00pm Mwanaspoti
5:00pm Sakata Rumba
5:30pm Sifa
6:00pm Mkulima Ni Ujuzi
7:10pm Tujuane
8:00pm Mwisho Juma na
Walibora
8:30pm I-Seme
9:00pm WWE :
Bottomline
10:00pm Irie-Reggae
11:00pm Day Of Independence
01:00am AL-Jazeera

YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19)
You always prefer to get on with the job rather than to sitting around waiting for something to happen. This means that you are a little impatient with people who work at a slower pace. You can counteract this by remembering to relax and focus on some give and take — this will be an important challenge and life lesson for you.

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20)
All these traits that reflect tons of energy, enthusiasm and confidence but you are also misunderstood by others. Some will say you are tactless and indifferent when they offer you advice. From your point of view, it's a matter of remembering that not everyone is as quick-witted and capable as you;

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20)
You run the risk of occasionally pushing yourself harder than your body and mind can handle. You mean well, but in the heat of the moment you say and do things you later regret. You're a lucky person, though; because Jupiter's beneficial rays promise protection. Many fascinating opportunities are destined to come your way.

TAURUS (APR 21- MAY 20)
If you look inside yourself, you'll see that sometimes the reason you hold on to your position or opinion so fiercely is that you fear change. Because you take such pride in your ability to see things through to the end, people who try to meddle with what you have set out to do.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JAN 21)
Your one-track mind about doing a job right— either at work or at home — has a good and a bad side. It means you're very focused on what you're doing, which is good but it also means you drive people crazy by showing them the 'correct way' to do things.

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22)
Some great communicators are born under your sign — actresses Helen Hunt and Marilyn Monroe, for instance. Like them, you take interest in anything that requires a little brain power. Reading and ferreting out information on the Internet are a perfect way for you to unwind.

LEO (JUL 23- AUG 22)
The fact that you take on so much also means you risk wearing yourself out and letting your vitality engine slow down. It is not easy for you to pace yourself, but if you can get your self-discipline working on this, you can achieve more than most. Make sure you have enough fuel in your gas tank to get you to where you want to go.

VIRGO (AUG 23-SEPT 23)
You also have a strong connection to travel and short journeys. You'll often feel restless, and your itchy feet will set you wandering. These journeys may not be long, but there will be plenty of them — you're always on the go. You are thirsty for new experiences, and even on short journeys or in transit;

LIBRA (SEPT 24-OCT 23)
You have a great work ethic and carry out the most menial of tasks with the same care You are a perfectionist at heart, mainly due to the Tureen influence. You are modest about your achievements but the world will be a better place if you can rise above your hesitancy

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22)
You are for the most part a person of feeling and sensation. Often you will ignore your own judgment and rationality, and someone else's reasonable advice You don't care if you're wrong, either! If your intuition tells you to do something, like reaching out to give someone a helping hand

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23- DEC 21)
You are extremely receptive to your environment and the people around you This ability serves you well; your intuition about people is quite often correct.Your knack of knowing people's issues before they even open their mouths attracts them to you.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20)
When you are feeling upbeat, you carry people away with your energy, and they love you for it. You love sharing your joys and successes with the people you love, and when you do, you are magnanimous you never give a thought to getting anything in return.There are few star signs who really understand the nature of giving,
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TELEVISION

CITIZEN TV

5:00 Pambazuka
8:00 Knowzone
9:00 Wedding Show -
Omnibus 11:00 Great Debate
Contest 11:30 Xtream Request Live
1:00 Live At 1
1:30 Shamba Shape Up
2:00 Dear Mother
2:45 Tabasamu
3:15 I Stand Accused
4:30Tall Dreams 5:00 Habibu
5:30 Kaa Rada
6:00 Jastorina
6:30 Saída
7:00 Nipashe Wikiendi
7:45 Naswa
8:15 Wild at Heart
9:00 Citizen Weekend
10:00 Corona de Lagrimas
11:00 Afrosinema
01:30 Afrodizzia

KTN TV

6:00 Christ Embassy
6:30 Joyce Meyer 7:00 Cartoons
8:00 Club Kiboko 9:00 Marvels
10:00 Yolo 11:00 Straight Up Live
1:00 Lunch Time News 1:30 Africa
Speaks 2:00 Movie 4:00 Mbiu Ya
KTN 4:10 Tendereza Live 6:00 Ideal
Space 6:30 KTN Leo 7:30 Guinness
World Record 8:00 Are You My Type
9:00 KTN Weekend Prime
10:05 Rasharasha
12:00 Baseline/CNN

K24 TV

5:00 Praiz 6:30 Turning Point 7:00
K24 Alfajiri Social Hour 9:00 Just
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live 1.00 K24 Newscut 1.30 Arena
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Without You

6.00 Valgame Dios 7.00 K24
Wikendi 7.35 Kilimo Biashara 8.00
Isabella 9.00 K24 Weekend Report
9.50 Rave With Joe Mfalme
1.30 Beatbox
3.00 Aljazeera

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5:15 Plug N play Rescue 6:00 Ad
Persuasion 6:30 Chopper Rescue
7:00 Tarchins and Friends
10:00 Junk D 11:00 Blank Canvas
11:30 Plug N play 12:00 World of
Mysteries 1:00 Ayna2:00 Green
Force 2:30 Fifth Dimension
4:00 Catalyst Magazine 4:30
Documentary 5:00 Helicops
6:00 Family Footsteps 7:00 Weekly
Report 7:30 World of Football8:00
Plug N play 8:30 Ebru News 9:15
Movie 10:30 Open Forum

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05.00 BBC World News
7.00 Fire Ministries 7.30 Miracle in
the Villagei 8.00 Neno Litakuweka
huru 8.30 Jesus is Comng 8.45
Nguvu za Miugiza
9.00 Jesus Winner 9.30 Big Minds
10.30 Jambo Toto
11.00 Angaza Live
1.00 KBC Lunchtime News
1.30 CCTV News
2.30 KBC Sports
4.30 Artitude
6.00 Taj Show
7.00 KBC Taarifa
7.30 Read Between the Lines
8.00 The Mansion
9.00 KBC News
10.00 Weekend Movie
1200 Adrusion
12.30 BBC World News

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SCREEN I
"LUCY" (U/16)
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"MARY KOM" (TBA)
6PM,9PM

SCREEN II
"EXPENDABLES 3" (TBA)
11AM, 6:15PM
"DELIVER US FROM EVIL"(TBA)
1.45PM
"INTO THE STORM" (P/G)
4.15PM
"LUCY" (U/16)
8.50PM

CENTURY CINEMA-JUNCTION
SCREEN I
"PLANES 2: FIRE AND RESCUE"
(2D) (P/G)
12.50PM, 2.40PM

"DAWN OF THE PLANET APES"
(2D) (16)
10.20AM, 4.30PM
"VEVE" (16)
7.10PM
"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY"
(2D) (P/G)
9.10PM

SCREEN II
"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY"
(3D) (P/G)
10.50AM, 5PM
"HERCULES" (3D) (16)
7.30PM
"VEVE" (16)
1.10PM
"INTO THE STORM" (P/G)
3PM, 9.40PM

SCREEN III
"PLANES 2: FIRE AND RESCUE"
(2D) (P/G)
10.10AM
"INTO THE STORM" (P/G)
12PM, 5.40PM

"LUCY" (16+)
1.50PM, 3.40PM, 7.10PM, 9.40PM

SCREEN IV
"LETS BE COPS" (18+)
10.20PM
"HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY"
(P/G)
2.40PM
"DELIVER US FROM EVIL" (18+)
12.30PM, 7PM
"SEX TAPE" (18+)
5PM , 9.30PM

PLANET MEDIA, PRESTIGE PLAZA, NGONG ROAD

""VEVE" (U/16) (2D)
7PM
"PLANES: FIRE AND RESCUE"
(3D) (G/E)
11.15AM, 3.30PM
"EXPENDABLES 3" (2D) (TBA)
1PM, 9PM
"DELIVER US FROM EVIL" (TBA)
(2D)

1.30PM
LUCY" (U/16)
5.15PM, 9.15PM
"INTO THE STORM"
11.30AM
"MARDAANI"
3.45PM
"MARY KOM" (TBA)
6.30PM

PLANET MEDIA CINEMAS, NAKUMATT MEGA CITY MALL, KISUMU

SCREEN I
"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON
2" (G/E)
2PM, 6.10PM
"MALEFICENT" (P/G)
4.10PM, 8.20PM

SCREEN II
"EXPENDABLES 3" (2D) (TBA)
11.50AM, 4PM
"INTO THE STORM" (TBA)
2.10PM

"MARDAANI" (TBA)
6.20PM
"VEVE" (TBA)
8.30PM

MOMBASA

NYALI CINEMAX-MOMBASA

"HERCULES"
(2D)
2.15PM
"PLANES"
(2D)
2.30PM
"EXPENDABLES 3"
4.30PM,9.15PM
"INTO THE STORM"
4.45PM
"DELIVER US FROM EVIL"
6.45PM
"LUCY"
7.15PM
"MARY KOM"
9.30PM

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN:

Caroline, a 30-year-old HIV-positive Kikuyu who is single, a protestant and living in Nairobi seeks a God-fearing Kikuyu/Embu/Meru/Maasai man of the same status, either single/widower/divorced. Meet Pastor Patrick **0725 290 624** to get her number. Do not respond if you are not working. See Covenant Marriage Pastor facebook page, a singles conference forum since 2000.

Diana, 41, a Kikuyu of rare inner/outer beauty, with one graduate daughter, is born-again, has a stable job as support staff at an international American school seeks a working man aged 44 to 60 from any tribe. Contact Pastor Patrick on **0725 290 624** to meet her. See Covenant Marriage Pastor facebook page.

Meet a stable Kikuyu lady over 35 years old, born again with a teenage daughter who is looking for a man who is unattached, 38 to 45 years, born again with or without children, stable, HIV negative and ready to love and be loved. If you are the one kindly Call or SMS **0770 709 993** Jokers keep off.

I'm Wanjiku, a mother of 2 young adults doing business and living in Nairobi. I'm HIV positive and looking for a man of the same status. He should be a businessman in Nairobi, financially stable and aged between 44 and 55. SMS or call **0716 832 979**

Meet Wangari, 40, a born-again stable business lady, in upper class status who lives in Karen Nairobi and attends NPC church. Get her direct contact in the **Covenant Marriage Pastor** facebook to get her contacts as well as her requirements. This move is to help control unnecessary responses.

MEN SEEKING WOMEN:

Hello Ladies. I am Alex Wainaina, born-again and here (again) to meet you if aged 28 to 40 without/with 1 kid, of college/university level and loves God, from Central/Ukambani/R.Valley/Asia. I am not less than what I am seeking for. Strictly SMS **0722 140 107**

Martin Johnson, 42 years old from Australia working with The World Health Organisation (WHO) in Africa would like to meet an African Lady who is between 30 to 42, is mature and God-fearing for a Relationship that may lead to marriage. If interested Call/SMS **0786 396 168**

A 44-year-old born again divorced man from Central living in Nairobi with his two young kids is looking for a lady below 30 years and born again for marriage. Con women, Women above 30 years, mothers, students and prostitutes please keep off. SMS only **0715 427 120** email: bornagainleo@yahoo.com

I am Jase Denzel, the son Kenyan immigrant who is seeking a legal relationship. Your imagination, initiative and indignation will determine whether we build a family where progress is the servant of both our needs. For in your time we have the opportunity to move toward a rich and great family. Call: **0719 122 185**

Mwaniki, seeks a lucky lady aged 40 to 55 in a good career/business who has grown children or doesn't want a child. He is 50, kind, loving, humble, well-educated researcher in reproduction health. Are you ready to meet through Pastor Patrick **0725 290 624** for accountability and safety? See Covenant Marriage Pastor facebook page, a dating conference since 2000.

I'm Samson, aged 60, Catholic, Kikuyu, widower, retired, cultured, living in South B, with 4 grown children. I do large scale farming and I'm seeking a stable marriage companion lady from Kikuyu/Embu/Meru/Kamba aged 40 to 50 with 2 children at most. Pastor Patrick **0725 290 624** will help you meet me safely. See Covenant Marriage Pastor facebook page.

I'm Lewis, 52 and saved. Are you a high-flying lady living in a suburb like Muthaiga, Karen, Lavington, Runda. Are you widowed/divorced with grown/small kids but lacking great companionship? Am looking for you. I'm a PHD holder, a widower with adult graduates. Talk to Pastor Patrick **0725 290 624** to date me safely. See Covenant Marriage Pastor facebook page.

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